

By: Representative Bell (21st)

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-195, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR ANY INCARCERATED OFFENDER OR
3 EMPLOYEE OF ANY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IF THE OFFENDER OR EMPLOYEE
4 POSSESSES CERTAIN CONTRABAND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-195, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-195. (1) Any person who violates any provision of
9 Section 47-5-193 or 47-5-194 shall be guilty of a felony and upon
10 conviction shall be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary
11 for not less than three (3) years nor more than fifteen (15)
12 years, and may be fined not more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
13 (\$25,000.00), or both.

14 (2) Any person who violates any provision of Section
15 47-5-193 as it pertains to illegal drugs or a cell phone or any of
16 its components or accessories to include, but not limited to,
17 Subscriber Information Module (SIM) cards or charger shall be
18 punished as authorized under this section, and, in the discretion



19 of the court, may be punished up to twice that authorized under
20 this section.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
22 and after July 1, 2018.

