

By: Representative Kinkade

To: Corrections

HOUSE BILL NO. 1124
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE CIRCUIT COURTS TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO DISABLE THE
3 CONTRABAND CELL PHONE SERVICE FROM CARRIERS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 47-5-193. (1) It is unlawful for any officer or employee of
9 the department, of any county sheriff's department, of any private
10 correctional facility in this state in which offenders are
11 confined, of any municipal or other correctional facility in this
12 state, or for any other person or offender to possess, furnish,
13 attempt to furnish, or assist in furnishing to any offender
14 confined in this state any weapon, deadly weapon, unauthorized
15 electronic device, contraband item, or cell phone or any of its
16 components or accessories to include, but not limited to,
17 Subscriber Information Module (SIM) cards or chargers. It is
18 unlawful for any person or offender to take, attempt to take, or
19 assist in taking any weapon, deadly weapon, unauthorized



20 electronic device, contraband item, cell phone or any of its
21 components or accessories to include, but not limited to,
22 Subscriber Information Module (SIM) cards or chargers on property
23 within the state belonging to the department, a county, a
24 municipality, or other entity that is occupied or used by
25 offenders, except as authorized by law.

26 (2) The circuit court is authorized to issue an order to
27 disable the contraband cell phone service from the carrier.

28 (3) Any person convicted under this section shall be
29 punished by the penalties prescribed under Section 47-5-195.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after passage.

