

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1336**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to inmate telephone calls.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1336) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to inmate telephone calls. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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An Act relative to inmate telephone calls.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 127 of Massachusetts General Laws of 2014 is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following section:--

3 Section 87A. The cost of local and long distance telephone service provided to prisoners  
4 in department of correction facilities and county houses of correction shall be the same as the  
5 rates charged for comparable residential telephone service. The department of correction and  
6 county houses of correction shall negotiate contracts for local and long distance telephone  
7 service on the basis of offering the lowest cost to users. The commonwealth, the department of  
8 correction, and the county houses of correction shall not accept commissions or revenues, nor  
9 receive any telephone services for their employees at below market rate cost from the provider(s)  
10 of prisoner telephone service.