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Chapter 1234

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to revenue received from the provision of pay telephone  
3 service to inmates confined in facilities operated by the Texas  
4 Department of Criminal Justice.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 495.025, Government  
7 Code, as added by Chapter 100 (S.B. 1580), Acts of the 80th  
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 (c) The department shall transfer 50 percent of all  
11 commissions paid to the department by a vendor under this section to  
12 the compensation to victims of crime fund established by Subchapter  
13 B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the other 50 percent  
14 to the credit of the undedicated portion of the general revenue  
15 fund, except that the department shall transfer the first \$10  
16 million of the commissions collected in any given year under a  
17 contract awarded under this section to the compensation to victims  
18 of crime fund established by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of  
19 Criminal Procedure. This section does not reduce any  
20 appropriation to the department.

21 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Chapter 1418 (H.B. 3107), Acts  
22 of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, money dedicated by  
23 Subsection (c), Section 495.025, Government Code, as added by  
24 Chapter 100 (S.B. 1580), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular

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S.B. No. 1844

1 Session, 2007, to the compensation to victims of crime fund  
2 established by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal  
3 Procedure, is rededicated by this Act.

4       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

S.B. No. 1844

David Newkirk  
President of the Senate

Jim Strawn  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1844 passed the Senate on May 6, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1844 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Robert Honey  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:  
19 JUN '09

Rick Perry  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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