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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to corrections; providing communication services for incarcerated persons;
1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [241.252] COMMUNICATION SERVICES ACCESS.

1.6 (a) A state correctional facility and state licensed facility for adults or juveniles shall
1.7 provide incarcerated persons with voice communication service. The facilities may
1.8 supplement voice communication service with other communication services including but
1.9 not limited to video communication and email or electronic messaging services. To the
1.10 extent that voice communication service or any other communication service is provided,
1.11 which shall not be limited beyond program participation and routine facility procedures,
1.12 each service shall be provided free of charge to the person initiating and the person receiving
1.13 the communication.

1.14 (b) No state agency shall receive revenue from the provision of voice communication
1.15 services or any other communication services to any person confined in a state correctional
1.16 facility or youth residential placement or detention center.

1.17 (c) Facilities shall maintain in-person visits for incarcerated persons in accordance with
1.18 Minnesota Rules, part 2911.3200. Communications services shall not be used to replace
1.19 the in-person visit program.