

HR 3638

Family Telephone Connection Protection Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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114 HR 3543	Related bill	Oct 5, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
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This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to adopt regulations on the use of inmate telephone and video services that enable persons incarcerated in correctional institutions to originate calls at payphones, telephones, or video kiosks designated for the personal use of prisoners.

The regulations must: (1) prescribe a maximum uniform per-minute rate and service connection or other per-call rate, (2) prescribe variable maximum rates depending on factors such as carrier costs and the size of the correctional facility, (3) require providers of inmate telephone and video service to offer both collect calling and prepaid debit account services, (4) prohibit or limit the payment of commissions by such providers to administrators of correctional facilities based upon the revenue of the service, (5) require such administrators to allow more than one service provider at a facility so that prisoners have a choice, and (6) prohibit or substantially limit any ancillary fees that are in addition to the per-minute rate and connection charge.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
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