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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-975 SO AS TO PROVIDE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL JAIL, OR DETENTION FACILITIES SHALL NOT INTERCEPT, RECORD, MONITOR, OR DIVULGE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN INMATES AND OTHER PERSONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 24-3-975. A state, county, or municipal jail, or detention facility shall not intercept, record, monitor, or divulge any telephonic communication between an inmate and another person unless ordered by a court on an individual basis.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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