

Introduced by Senator Padilla

December 6, 2010

An act relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 26, as introduced, Padilla. Prisons: cell phones.

Existing law prohibits unauthorized communication with inmates in state prison.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to impose sanctions for the possession of cell phones and other wireless devices by inmates in state prisons.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
3 (a) In 2006, prison officials confiscated 261 cell phones in
4 California prisons.
5 (b) In 2009, 6,995 cell phones were confiscated in California
6 prisons.
7 (c) According to the Department of Corrections and
8 Rehabilitation, prison officials have found 7,000 cell phones in
9 California prisons since January 1, 2010, which would amount to
10 another record year of seizures, at a projected rate of over 9,600
11 cell phones in 2010.

1 For these reasons, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact
2 legislation to impose sanctions for the possession of cell phones
3 and other wireless devices by inmates in state prisons.

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