

Senate Bill 214

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to inmate policies, so as to provide definitions; to provide that it is illegal to provide
3 or attempt to provide an inmate with a wireless handset; to provide that it is illegal for an
4 inmate to possess, obtain, or attempt to obtain a wireless handset; to provide penalties; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 inmate policies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "42-1-1.1.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Prison' means a state correctional, detention, or penal facility or any prison,
13 institution, or facility in which persons are held in custody by direction of or pursuant to
14 a contract or agreement with the state.

15 (2) 'Wireless communications service' means 'commercial mobile service' or 'personal
16 wireless services' as such terms are defined in Section 332 of the Federal
17 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332).

18 (3) 'Wireless handset' means a device utilized by a user of wireless communications
19 service in connection with such service.

20 (b) Any person who provides or attempts to provide an inmate of a prison with a wireless
21 handset shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

22 (c) Any inmate of a prison who possesses, obtains, or attempts to obtain a wireless handset
23 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

24 SECTION 2.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.