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H.B. No. 549

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to prohibiting the introduction of certain items in
3 certain local jails.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 38.11(a), Penal Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (a) A person commits an offense if the person provides:

8 (1) an alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, or
9 dangerous drug to an inmate of a correctional facility, except on
10 the prescription of a physician or practitioner, as defined in
11 Section 551.003, Occupations Code;

12 (2) a deadly weapon to an inmate of a correctional
13 facility; or

14 (3) a cellular telephone, cigarette, tobacco product,
15 or money to:

16 (A) an inmate of a correctional facility operated
17 by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
18 or

19 (B) a person confined in a local jail regulated
20 by the Commission on Jail Standards.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2 legislative session.