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S.B. No. 1844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to revenue received from the provision of pay telephone
3 service to inmates confined in facilities operated by the Texas
4 Department of Criminal Justice.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 495.025, Government
7 Code, as added by Chapter 100 (S.B. 1580), Acts of the 80th
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 (c) The department shall transfer 50 percent of all
11 commissions paid to the department by a vendor under this section to
12 the compensation to victims of crime fund established by Subchapter
13 B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure, and the other 50 percent
14 to the credit of the undedicated portion of the general revenue
15 fund, except that the department shall transfer the first \$10
16 million of the commissions collected in any given year under a
17 contract awarded under this section to the compensation to victims
18 of crime fund established by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of
19 Criminal Procedure. This section does not reduce any
20 appropriation to the department.

21 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Chapter 1418 (H.B. 3107), Acts
22 of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, money dedicated by
23 Subsection (c), Section 495.025, Government Code, as added by
24 Chapter 100 (S.B. 1580), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular

1 Session, 2007, to the compensation to victims of crime fund
2 established by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal
3 Procedure, is rededicated by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.