

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 163

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EGGLESTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to prisoner television privileges.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 217.295, to read as follows:

**217.295. 1. Beginning August 28, 2017, the department may allow inmates to view only broadcast television programming accessed through a television antenna. In no event shall inmates be allowed to view any subscription-based television programming provided by cable, satellite, internet, or any other means unless a correctional facility is, as of January 1, 2017, under contract with a subscription-based provider. If the correctional facility is under such contract, the provisions of this subsection shall take effect upon the expiration of such contract, and such contract shall not be renewed or extended beyond the expiration date that was provided for in the contract as of January 1, 2017.**

**2. Upon the expiration of a contract under subsection 1 of this section:**

**(1) Any equipment leased for the purpose of receiving subscription-based television services shall be disposed of in a manner agreeable to the equipment provider; and**

**(2) Any equipment owned by the state for the purpose of receiving subscription-based television services shall be sold at auction, and proceeds from the sale shall be used to reimburse each facility for the cost of the installation of a new television antenna system. Any excess funds shall revert to general revenue.**

**3. The warden of each individual correctional facility may, at his or her discretion, allow inmates to view prerecorded motion pictures that are rated general audiences (G),**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **parental guidance suggested (PG), or parental guidance suggested for children under 13**  
19 **(PG-13).**

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