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Penalties.

(1) (a) As used in this section:

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AMENDMENTS

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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill enacts provisions related to communication devices in correctional facilities.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
► defines terms;
 makes it a crime to transport, provide, sell, or possess a communication device at a
correctional facility in violation of facility policy; and
makes technical and conforming changes.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
This bill provides a coordination clause.
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
76-8-311.3 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 330
Utah Code Sections affected by Coordination Clause:
76-8-311.3 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 330
76-8-311.11 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
The following section is affected by a coordination clause at the end of this bill.
Section 1. Section 76-8-311.3 is amended to read:

76-8-311.3. Items prohibited in correctional and mental health facilities --

29	[(a)] "Communication device" means a device designed to receive or transmit an
30	image, text message, email, video, location information, or voice communication
31	or another device that can be used to communicate electronically.
32	(i) "Contraband" means [any] an item not specifically prohibited for possession by
33	offenders under this section or Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances
34	Act.
35	[(b)] (ii) "Controlled substance" means any substance defined as a controlled
36	substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.
37	[(e)] (<u>iii</u>) "Correctional facility" means:
38	[(i)] (A) $[any]$ a facility operated by or contracting with the Department of
39	Corrections to house [offenders] an offender in either a secure or nonsecure
40	setting;
41	[(ii)] (B) [any] a facility operated by a municipality or a county to house or detain [
42	eriminal offenders] an offender;
43	[(iii)] (C) [any] a juvenile detention facility; [and] or
44	[(iv)] (D) [any] a building or grounds appurtenant to [the] a facility or [lands] land
45	granted to the state, municipality, or county for use as a correctional facility.
46	[(d)] (iv) "Electronic cigarette product" means the same as that term is defined in
47	Section 76-10-101.
48	[(e)] (v) "Medicine" means [any] a prescription drug as defined in Title 58, Chapter
49	17b, Pharmacy Practice Act, but does not include [any] a controlled [substances]
50	substance as defined in Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.
51	[(f)] (vi) "Mental health facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
52	26B-5-301.
53	[(g)] <u>(vii)</u> "Nicotine product" means the same as that term is defined in Section
54	76-10-101.
55	[(h)] (viii) "Offender" means [a person] an individual in custody at a correctional
56	facility.
57	$[\frac{1}{2}]$ (ix) "Secure area" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-8-311.1.
58	$[\frac{1}{2}]$ (x) "Tobacco product" means the same as that term is defined in Section
59	76-10-101.
60	(2) (a) Notwithstanding Section 76-10-500, a correctional <u>facility</u> or mental health
61	facility may [provide by rule that no] prohibit a firearm, ammunition, a dangerous
62	weapon, an implement of escape, an explosive, a controlled substance, spirituous or

63	fermented liquor, medicine, or poison [in any quantity may be] from being:
64	[(a)] (i) transported to or [upon] within a correctional facility or mental health facility
65	[(b)] (ii) sold or [given away at any] provided to an offender at a correctional facility
66	or mental health facility; or
67	[(e)] (iii) [given to or used by any offender] possessed by an offender or another
68	individual at a correctional facility or mental health facility[; or].
69	[(d) knowingly or intentionally possessed at a correctional or mental health facility.]
70	(b) A correctional facility may prohibit a communication device from being:
71	(i) transported to or within the correctional facility for the purpose of being sold or
72	provided to an offender in the correctional facility;
73	(ii) sold or provided to an offender in the correctional facility; or
74	(iii) possessed by an offender or another individual at the correctional facility.
75	(3) It is a defense to [any] a prosecution under this section if the accused in committing the
76	act made criminal by this section with respect to:
77	(a) a correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections, acted in conformity
78	with departmental rule or policy;
79	(b) a correctional facility operated by a municipality, acted in conformity with the policy
80	of the municipality;
81	(c) a correctional facility operated by a county, acted in conformity with the policy of
82	the county; or
83	(d) a mental health facility, acted in conformity with the policy of the mental health
84	facility.
85	(4) (a) An individual who transports to or upon a correctional facility, or into a secure
86	area of a mental health facility, [any] a firearm, ammunition, a dangerous weapon, or
87	an implement of escape with intent to provide or sell it to [any] an offender, is guilty
88	of a second degree felony.
89	(b) An individual who provides or sells to [any] an offender at a correctional facility, or [
90	any] a detainee at a secure area of a mental health facility, [any] a firearm,
91	ammunition, a dangerous weapon, or an implement of escape is guilty of a second
92	degree felony.
93	(c) An offender who possesses at a correctional facility, or a detainee who possesses at a
94	secure area of a mental health facility, [any] a firearm, ammunition, a dangerous
95	weapon, or an implement of escape is guilty of a second degree felony.
96	(d) An individual who, without the permission of the authority operating the correctional

97	facility or the secure area of a mental health facility, knowingly possesses at a
98	correctional facility or a secure area of a mental health facility [any] a firearm,
99	ammunition, a dangerous weapon, or an implement of escape is guilty of a third
100	degree felony.
101	(e) An individual violates Section 76-10-306 who knowingly or intentionally transports,
102	possesses, distributes, or sells [any] an explosive in a correctional facility or mental
103	health facility.
104	(5) (a) An individual is guilty of a third degree felony who, without the permission of
105	the authority operating the correctional facility or secure area of a mental health
106	facility, knowingly transports[-to or upon a correctional facility or into a secure area
107	of a mental health facility any]:
108	(i) a communication device to or within a correctional facility with the intent to
109	provide or sell the communication device to an offender in the correctional facility;
110	(ii) spirituous or fermented liquor to or within a correctional facility or a secure area
111	of a mental health facility;
112	[(ii)] (iii) medicine to or within a correctional facility or a secure area of a mental
113	health facility[-,] whether or not lawfully prescribed for [the] an offender or detainee
114	or
115	[(iii)] (iv) poison [in any quantity] to or within a correctional facility or a secure area
116	of a mental health facility.
117	(b) An individual is guilty of a third degree felony who knowingly violates correctional
118	or mental health facility policy or rule by providing or selling[-to-any offender at a
119	correctional facility or detainee within a secure area of a mental health facility any]:
120	(i) a communication device to an offender at a correctional facility;
121	(ii) spirituous or fermented liquor to an offender at a correctional facility or a
122	detainee within a secure area of a mental health facility;
123	[(iii)] (iii) medicine[,] to an offender at a correctional facility or detainee within a
124	secure area of a mental facility whether or not the medicine is lawfully prescribed
125	for the offender; or
126	[(iii)] (iv) poison [in any quantity] to an offender at a correctional facility or a detainee
127	within a secure area of a mental health facility.
128	(c) An [inmate] offender is guilty of a third degree felony who, in violation of
129	correctional or mental health facility policy or rule, possesses[at a correctional
130	facility or in a secure area of a mental health facility any.

131	(i) a communication device at a correctional facility;
132	(ii) spirituous or fermented liquor at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a
133	mental health facility;
134	[(ii)] (iii) medicine at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a mental health
135	facility[-] other than medicine provided by the facility's health care providers in
136	compliance with facility policy; or
137	[(iii)] (iv) poison [in any quantity] at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a
138	mental health facility.
139	(d) An individual is guilty of a class A misdemeanor who, with the intent to directly or
140	indirectly provide or sell [any] a tobacco product, electronic cigarette product, or
141	nicotine product to an offender, directly or indirectly:
142	(i) transports, delivers, or distributes any tobacco product, electronic cigarette
143	product, or nicotine product to an offender or on the grounds of any correctional
144	facility;
145	(ii) solicits, requests, commands, coerces, encourages, or intentionally aids another
146	person to transport any tobacco product, electronic cigarette product, or nicotine
147	product to an offender or on any correctional facility, if the person is acting with
148	the mental state required for the commission of an offense; or
149	(iii) facilitates, arranges, or causes the transport of any tobacco product, electronic
150	cigarette product, or nicotine product in violation of this section to an offender or
151	on the grounds of any correctional facility.
152	(e) An individual, other than an offender, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor who,
153	without the permission of the authority operating the correctional or mental health
154	facility, [fails to declare or]knowingly possesses [at a correctional facility or in a
155	secure area of a mental health facility any]:
156	(i) subject to Subsection (7), a communication device at a correctional facility;
157	(ii) spirituous or fermented liquor at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a
158	mental health facility;
159	[(ii)] (iii) medicine at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a mental health
160	<u>facility</u> ; or
161	[(iii)] (iv) poison [in any quantity] at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a
162	mental health facility.
163	(f) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(f)(ii), an individual is guilty of a class B
164	misdemeanor who, without the permission of the authority operating the

165	correctional facility, knowingly engages in any activity that would facilitate the
166	possession of any contraband by an offender in a correctional facility.
167	(ii) The provisions of Subsection (5)(d) regarding any tobacco product, electronic
168	cigarette product, or nicotine product take precedence over this Subsection (5)(f).
169	(g) Exemptions may be granted for worship for Native American inmates pursuant to
170	Section 64-13-40.
171	(6) The possession, distribution, or use of a controlled substance at a correctional facility or
172	in a secure area of a mental health facility shall be prosecuted in accordance with Title
173	58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.
174	(7) (a) A correctional facility that prohibits an individual other than an offender from
175	possessing a communication device in the correctional facility under Subsection
176	(5)(e)(i) shall post a sign visible to an individual entering the correctional facility that
177	provides the individual with notice that possessing a communication device in the
178	correctional facility is prohibited and the individual may be prosecuted for possessing
179	a communication device.
180	(b) A prosecuting attorney may not prosecute an individual under Subsection (5)(e)(i) if
181	the correctional facility fails to comply with Subsection (7)(a).
182	[(7)] (8) The department shall make rules under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
183	Rulemaking Act, to establish guidelines for providing written notice to visitors that
184	providing any tobacco product, electronic cigarette product, or nicotine product to
185	offenders is a class A misdemeanor.
186	Section 2. Effective date.
187	This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.
188	Section 3. Coordinating H.B. 26 with H.B. 15
189	If this H.B. 26, Correctional Facility Amendments, and H.B. 15, Criminal Code
190	Recodification and Cross References, both pass and become law, it is the intent of the
191	Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepare the
192	Utah Code database for publication by making the following changes:
193	(1) amending Section 76-8-311.3 to read:
194	<u>"</u> 76-8-311.3 Establishment of prohibited item policy in a correctional or mental
195	health facility Reference to penalty provisions Exceptions Rulemaking.
196	(1) (a) As used in this section:
197	[(a) "Contraband" means any item not specifically prohibited for possession by
198	offenders under this section or Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.

- (b) (i) "Communication device" means a device designed to receive or transmit an image, text message, email, video, location information, or voice communication, or
- 201 <u>another device that can be used to communicate electronically.</u>
- 202 (ii) "Controlled substance" means [any] a substance defined as a controlled substance
- 203 under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.
- 204 [(e)] (iii) "Correctional facility" means:
- [(i)] (A) [any-] \underline{a} facility operated by or contracting with the Department of
- 206 Corrections to house [offenders] an offender in either a secure or nonsecure setting;
- [(ii)] (B) [any] <u>a</u> facility operated by a municipality or a county to house or detain [
- 208 <u>eriminal offenders</u>] <u>an offender</u>;
- 209 [(iii)] (C) [any-] a juvenile detention facility; [and-] or
- 210 [(iv)] (D) [any-] a building or grounds appurtenant to [the-] a facility or [lands-] land
- 211 granted to the state, municipality, or county for use as a correctional facility.
- (iv) "Dangerous weapon" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-501.
- [$\frac{d}{d}$] $\frac{d}{d}$ "Electronic cigarette product" means the same as that term is defined in
- 214 Section 76-10-101.
- 215 (vi) "Firearm" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-10-501.
- [(e)] (vii) "Medicine" means [any-] a prescription drug as defined in Title 58, Chapter
- 217 17b, Pharmacy Practice Act, but does not include [any-] a controlled [substances-]
- substance as defined in Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.
- [(f)] (viii) "Mental health facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 220 26B-5-301.
- [(g)] (ix) "Nicotine product" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 222 76-10-101.
- [(h)] (x) "Offender" means [a person] an individual in custody at a correctional
- 224 facility.
- [(i)] (xi) "Secure area" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-8-311.1.
- [(i)] (xii) "Tobacco product" means the same as that term is defined in Section
- 227 76-10-101.
- (b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-8-101 apply to this section.
- (2)(a) Notwithstanding Section 76-10-500, a correctional facility or mental health
- 230 facility may provide by rule that no prohibit a firearm, ammunition, a dangerous
- weapon, an implement of escape, an explosive, a controlled substance, spirituous or
- fermented liquor, medicine, or poison [in any quantity may be] from being:

233	[(a)] (i) transported to or [upon-] within a correctional facility or mental health facility
234	[(b)] (ii) sold or given away [at any-] to an offender at a correctional facility or mental
235	health facility; or
236	[(e)] (iii) [given to or used by any offender] possessed by an offender or another
237	individual at a correctional facility or mental health facility[; or].
238	[(d) knowingly or intentionally possessed at a correctional or mental health facility.]
239	(b) A correctional facility may prohibit a communication device from being:
240	(i) transported within the correctional facility for the purpose of being sold to an
241	offender in the correctional facility;
242	(ii) sold or given away to an offender in the correctional facility; or
243	(iii) possessed by an offender or another individual at the correctional facility.
244	(3) It is a defense to [any-] a prosecution [under-] related to this section[if the accused
245	in] that the actor, in committing the act made criminal by this section with respect to:
246	(a) a correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections, acted in
247	conformity with departmental rule or policy;
248	(b) a correctional facility operated by a municipality, acted in conformity with the
249	policy of the municipality;
250	(c) a correctional facility operated by a county, acted in conformity with the policy of
251	the county; or
252	(d) a mental health facility, acted in conformity with the policy of the mental health
253	facility.
254	[(4)(a) An individual who transports to or upon a correctional facility, or into a secure
255	area of a mental health facility, any firearm, ammunition, dangerous weapon, or
256	implement of escape with intent to provide or sell it to any offender, is guilty of a second
257	degree felony.
258	(b) An individual who provides or sells to any offender at a correctional facility, or
259	any detainee at a secure area of a mental health facility, any firearm, ammunition,
260	dangerous weapon, or implement of escape is guilty of a second degree felony.
261	(e) An offender who possesses at a correctional facility, or a detainee who possesses
262	at a secure area of a mental health facility, any firearm, ammunition, dangerous weapon,
263	or implement of escape is guilty of a second degree felony.
264	(d) An individual who, without the permission of the authority operating the
265	correctional facility or the secure area of a mental health facility, knowingly possesses at

a correctional facility or a secure area of a mental health facility any firearm,

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267	ammunition, dangerous weapon, or implement of escape is guilty of a third degree
268	felony.
269	(e) An individual violates Section 76-10-306 who knowingly or intentionally
270	transports, possesses, distributes, or sells any explosive in a correctional facility or
271	mental health facility.
272	(5)(a) An individual is guilty of a third degree felony who, without the permission of
273	the authority operating the correctional facility or secure area of a mental health facility,
274	knowingly transports to or upon a correctional facility or into a secure area of a mental
275	health facility any:
276	(i) spirituous or fermented liquor;
277	(ii) medicine, whether or not lawfully prescribed for the offender; or
278	(iii) poison in any quantity.
279	(b) An individual is guilty of a third degree felony who knowingly violates
280	correctional or mental health facility policy or rule by providing or selling to any
281	offender at a correctional facility or detainee within a secure area of a mental health
282	facility any:
283	(i) spirituous or fermented liquor;
284	(ii) medicine, whether or not lawfully prescribed for the offender; or
285	(iii) poison in any quantity.
286	(e) An inmate is guilty of a third degree felony who, in violation of correctional or
287	mental health facility policy or rule, possesses at a correctional facility or in a secure
288	area of a mental health facility any:
289	(i) spirituous or fermented liquor;
290	(ii) medicine, other than medicine provided by the facility's health care providers in
291	compliance with facility policy; or
292	(iii) poison in any quantity.
293	(d) An individual is guilty of a class A misdemeanor who, with the intent to directly
294	or indirectly provide or sell any tobacco product, electronic eigarette product, or nicotine
295	product to an offender, directly or indirectly:
296	(i) transports, delivers, or distributes any tobacco product, electronic eigarette
297	product, or nicotine product to an offender or on the grounds of any correctional facility;
298	(ii) solicits, requests, commands, cocrees, encourages, or intentionally aids another
299	person to transport any tobacco product, electronic eigarette product, or nicotine product
300	to an offender or on any correctional facility, if the person is acting with the mental state

301	required for the commission of an offense; or
302	(iii) facilitates, arranges, or causes the transport of any tobacco product, electronic
303	eigarette product, or nicotine product in violation of this section to an offender or on the
304	grounds of any correctional facility.
305	(e) An individual is guilty of a class A misdemeanor who, without the permission of
306	the authority operating the correctional or mental health facility, fails to declare or
307	knowingly possesses at a correctional facility or in a secure area of a mental health
308	facility any:
309	(i) spirituous or fermented liquor;
310	(ii) medicine; or
311	(iii) poison in any quantity.
312	(f)(i)Except as provided in Subsection (5)(f)(ii), an individual is guilty of a class B
313	misdemeanor who, without the permission of the authority operating the correctional
314	facility, knowingly engages in any activity that would facilitate the possession of any
315	contraband by an offender in a correctional facility.
316	(ii)The provisions of Subsection (5)(d) regarding any tobacco product, electronic
317	eigarette product, or nicotine product take precedence over this Subsection
318	(5)(f).(g)Exemptions may be granted for worship for Native American inmates pursuant
319	to Section 64-13-40.
320	(6)The possession, distribution, or use of a controlled substance at a correctional
321	facility or in a secure area of a mental health facility shall be prosecuted in accordance
322	with Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act.
323	(7)The department shall make rules under Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
324	Rulemaking Act, to establish guidelines for providing written notice to visitors that
325	providing any tobacco product, electronic eigarette product, or nicotine product to
326	offenders is a class A misdemeanor.]
327	(4)(a) Except as provided by Subsection (4)(b) or (4)(c), an actor may be charged
328	under Section 76-8-311.4, 76-8-311.6, 76-8-311.7, 76-8-311.8, 76-8-311.9, 76-8-311.10
329	or 76-8-311.11 for a violation of a policy or rule created under this section.
330	(b) An actor who knowingly or intentionally transports, possesses, distributes, or sells
331	an explosive in a correctional facility or a mental health facility may be punished under
332	Section 76-10-306.
333	(c) The possession, distribution, or use of a controlled substance at a correctional
334	facility or in a secure area of a mental health facility shall be charged under Title 58

333	Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act."; and
336	(2) Section 76-8-311.11 be enacted to read:
337	"76-8-311.11. Prohibited communication device in a correctional facility.
338	(1)(a) As used in this section:
339	(i) "Communication device" means the same as that term is defined in Section
340	<u>76-8-311.3.</u>
341	(ii) "Correctional facility" means the same as that term is defined in Section
342	<u>76-8-311.3.</u>
343	(iii) "Offender" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-8-311.3.
344	(b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-8-101 apply to this section.
345	(2) An actor commits prohibited communication device in a correctional facility if
346	the actor, without the permission of the correctional facility:
347	(a) knowingly transports a communication device into the correctional facility with
348	the intent to provide or sell the communication device to an offender in the correctional
349	facility;
350	(b) provides or sells a communication device to an offender in the correctional
351	facility;
352	(c)(i) is an offender; and
353	(ii) possesses a communication device in the correctional facility; or
354	(d)(i) subject to Subsection (4), is an individual other than an offender; and
355	(ii) knowingly possesses a communication device in the correctional facility.
356	(3)(a) A violation of Subsection (2)(a), (b), or (c) is a third degree felony.
357	(b) A violation of Subsection (2)(d) is a class A misdemeanor.
358	(4)(a) A correctional facility that prohibits an individual other than an offender from
359	possessing a communication device in the correctional facility under Subsection (2)(d)
360	shall post a sign visible to an individual entering the correctional facility that provides
361	the individual with notice that possessing a communication device in the correctional
362	facility is prohibited and the individual may be prosecuted for possessing a
363	communication device.
364	(b) A prosecuting attorney may not prosecute an individual under Subsection (2)(d) if
365	the correctional facility fails to comply with Subsection (4)(a)."