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2019 Assembly Bill 690

Assembly Amendment 1

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Current law criminalizes certain prison or jail contraband-related behaviors by any person, including an inmate, as a Class I felony. Assembly Bill 690 criminalizes additional behavior relating to contraband in prisons or jails, but the new crime under the bill applies only to inmates and is punished as a misdemeanor. The bill prohibits an inmate from doing any of the following, if it is contrary to the institution rules or regulations and without permission:

- Receiving or obtaining a prohibited article conveyed from a person.
- Having delivered to the inmate a prohibited article conveyed from a person.
- Being in possession of a prohibited article conveyed from a person.
- Depositing or concealing a prohibited article conveyed from a person in or about a jail or prison.
- Providing a prohibited article to a person with the intent to convey it out of the jail or prison.
- Procuring a prohibited article to be provided to a person with the intent to convey it out of the jail or prison.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes a violation under the bill a Class H felony, rather than a misdemeanor.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Plumer on January 22, 2020. On February 13, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Corrections adopted the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 2. The committee then passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

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