

By Senator Crist

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the health of inmates in the  
3           state correctional system; amending s. 944.09,  
4           F.S.; requiring that the Department of  
5           Corrections adopt rules for monitoring the  
6           purchases made by inmates from the commissary  
7           or canteen; requiring the department to  
8           prohibit an inmate from purchasing items that  
9           are contrary to a restricted diet prescribed by  
10          a physician; requiring that the department add  
11          additional time to an inmate's sentence if an  
12          inmate makes a prohibited purchase; providing  
13          an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Present paragraph (r) of subsection (1) of  
18          section 944.09, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
19          (s), and a new paragraph (r) is added to that subsection to  
20          read:

21                   944.09 Rules of the department; offenders,  
22          probationers, and parolees.--

23                   (1) The department shall adopt rules governing the  
24          administration of the correctional system and the operation of  
25          the department, which rules shall relate to:

26                   (r) The purchase of items from the commissary or  
27          canteen by inmates. The department shall prohibit an inmate  
28          from purchasing items from the commissary or canteen which are  
29          contrary to any restricted or therapeutic diet prescribed for  
30          that inmate by a physician and which may risk the health of  
31          the inmate. Purchases that may be prohibited include, but need

1 not be limited to, candy, chocolate, tobacco, and other food  
2 or nonfood items. The department shall monitor the purchases  
3 made by each inmate for whom a restricted or therapeutic diet  
4 is prescribed. If an inmate makes a prohibited purchase, the  
5 department shall add an additional 100 days to the inmate's  
6 sentence.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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Requires that the Department of Corrections adopt rules governing purchases made by inmates from the commissary or canteen. Requires that an inmate be prohibited from purchasing items that are contrary to a diet prescribed by a physician. Requires that the department monitor the purchases made by any inmate on a restricted diet. Requires that the department add an additional 100 days to an inmate's sentence if the inmate makes a prohibited purchase.