

## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bold italics* is new; matter in ~~[brackets and strikethrough]~~ is to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: NAC 209, NRS 209.42303, NRS 233B.0613, and NRS 233.067

**A REGULATION** relating to offenders; allowing the Nevada Department of Corrections to digitally scan all general correspondence sent to offenders in its custody for delivery through tablets issued to offenders.

**Digest:** Pursuant to Assembly Bill 121 (2023 legislative session) the Nevada Department of Corrections completed a study by evidence-based methods that has proven large quantities of correspondence sent to offenders through the United States Postal Service or other delivery service contained synthetic drugs and others harmful substances presenting a significant danger to the health and safety of the staff and offenders including overdoses and deaths. The proposed regulatory changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 209 would allow for digital scanning of most correspondence sent to offenders for electronic delivery to tablets already in the offenders' possession.

**Section 1.** Chapter 209 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*All offenders will receive the original, physical copies of Legal mail.*

**Section 2.** Chapter 209 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

*All incoming general correspondence not identified as Legal mail will be received, processed, and delivered electronically through the Department's approved digital mail service.*

1. *All general correspondence must be on white printer/bond paper not to exceed 8 ½"x11" in size.*