

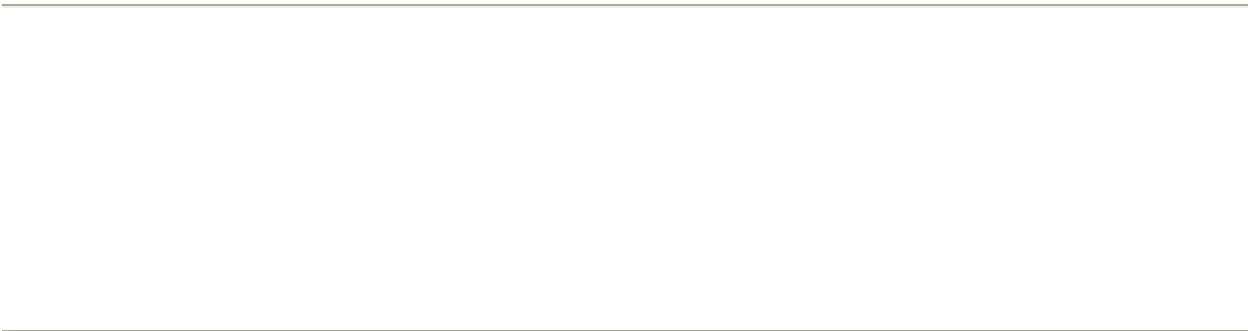
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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Smith offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove line(s) 491-536 and insert:

5 (3)(a) ~~Effective September 1, 2003,~~ Any local exchange
6 telecommunications company ~~authorized by the commission to~~
7 ~~reduce its switched network access rate pursuant to s. 364.164~~
8 shall have tariffed and shall provide Lifeline service to any
9 otherwise eligible customer or potential customer who meets an
10 income eligibility test at 150 ~~125~~ percent or less of the
11 federal poverty income guidelines for Lifeline customers. Such a
12 test for eligibility must augment, rather than replace, the
13 eligibility standards established by federal law and based on
14 participation in certain low-income assistance programs. Each
15 intrastate interexchange telecommunications company shall,
16 ~~effective September 1, 2003,~~ file a tariff providing at a

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17 minimum the intrastate interexchange telecommunications
18 carrier's current Lifeline benefits and exemptions to Lifeline
19 customers who meet the income eligibility test set forth in this
20 subsection. The Office of Public Counsel shall certify and
21 maintain claims submitted by a customer for eligibility under
22 the income test authorized by this subsection.

23 (b) Each local exchange telecommunications company subject
24 to this subsection shall provide to each state and federal
25 agency providing benefits to persons eligible for Lifeline
26 service applications, brochures, pamphlets, or other materials
27 that inform such persons of their eligibility for Lifeline, and
28 each state agency providing such benefits shall furnish the
29 materials to affected persons at the time they apply for
30 benefits.

31 ~~(c) Any local exchange telecommunications company customer~~
32 ~~receiving Lifeline benefits shall not be subject to any~~
33 ~~residential basic local telecommunications service rate~~
34 ~~increases authorized by s. 364.164 until the local exchange~~
35 ~~telecommunications company reaches parity as defined in s.~~
36 ~~364.164(5) or until the customer no longer qualifies for the~~
37 ~~Lifeline benefits established by this section or s. 364.105, or~~
38 ~~unless otherwise determined by the commission upon petition by a~~
39 ~~local exchange telecommunications company.~~

40 (c)(d) ~~By December 31, 2003,~~ Each state agency that
41 provides benefits to persons eligible for Lifeline service shall
42 undertake, in cooperation with the Department of Children and
43 Family Services, the commission, and telecommunications

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44 companies providing Lifeline services, the development of
45 procedures to promote Lifeline participation.

46 (d)~~(e)~~ The commission shall report to the Governor, the
47 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
48 Representatives by December 31 each year on the number of
49 customers who are subscribing to Lifeline service and the
50 effectiveness of any procedures to promote participation.

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53 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

54 Remove line(s) 39 and insert:
55 revising provisions that require certain local exchange