

By the Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Senator Bean

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Lifeline service; amending s.  
3           364.10, F.S.; revising the term "eligible  
4           telecommunications carrier" to include commercial  
5           mobile radio service providers under a specified  
6           circumstance; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
11           364.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           364.10 Lifeline service.—

13           (1)(a) An eligible telecommunications carrier shall provide  
14           a Lifeline Assistance Plan to qualified residential subscribers,  
15           as defined in the eligible telecommunications carrier's  
16           published schedules. For the purposes of this section, the term  
17           "eligible telecommunications carrier" means a telecommunications  
18           company, as defined by s. 364.02, or, for the limited purpose of  
19           qualification to provide Lifeline service, any commercial mobile  
20           radio service provider. Such company or provider must also be  
21           ~~which is~~ designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by  
22           the commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. s. 54.201.

23           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.