

By Senator Rodriguez

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to designation of eligible  
3           telecommunications carriers; amending s. 364.10, F.S.;  
4           revising the definition of the term "eligible  
5           telecommunications carrier"; authorizing the Public  
6           Service Commission to designate certain entities as  
7           eligible telecommunications carriers for a specified  
8           purpose; providing legislative intent; providing an  
9           effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Present paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of  
14           section 364.10, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection  
15           (4) of that section, subsection (3) is added to that section,  
16           and paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that section is amended,  
17           to read:

18           364.10 Lifeline service.—

19           (1) (a) An eligible telecommunications carrier shall provide  
20           a Lifeline Assistance Plan to qualified residential subscribers,  
21           as defined in the eligible telecommunications carrier's  
22           published schedules. For the purposes of this section, the term  
23           "eligible telecommunications carrier" means an entity a  
24           ~~telecommunications company, as defined by s. 364.02, which is~~  
25           designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the  
26           commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. s. 54.201 and this section.

27           (3) (a) The commission has the power and authority to  
28           designate an entity, upon petition and in accordance with 47  
29           C.F.R. s. 54.201, as an eligible telecommunications carrier,

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30 provided that such entity is:

31 1. A telecommunications company; or

32 2. A commercial mobile radio service provider.

33 (b) This legislative authority is intended to be sufficient  
34 to enable the commission, for the limited purpose of providing  
35 Lifeline service under this section, to approve any of the types  
36 of entities specified in paragraph (a) as an eligible  
37 telecommunications carrier. The commission may exercise such  
38 authority in addition to the commission jurisdiction otherwise  
39 specified in this chapter.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.