

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
 20 provide a Lifeline Assistance Plan to qualified residential
 21 subscribers, as defined in the eligible telecommunications
 22 carrier's published schedules. For the purposes of this section,
 23 the term "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,
 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
 34 | sufficient to enable the commission, for the limited purpose of
 35 | providing Lifeline service under this section, to approve any of
 36 | the types 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.