

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  
 9           construction; providing an 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 | (c) This subsection does not confer upon the commission  
41 | any regulatory jurisdiction over commercial mobile radio service  
42 | providers that were previously designated as eligible  
43 | telecommunications carriers before the enactment of this  
44 | subsection.

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