

## CHAPTER 2024-88

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 478

An act relating to designation of eligible telecommunications carriers; amending s. 364.10, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “eligible telecommunications carrier”; authorizing the Public Service Commission to designate certain entities as eligible telecommunications carriers for a specified purpose; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date.

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

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

364.10 Lifeline service.—

(1)(a) An eligible telecommunications carrier shall provide a Lifeline Assistance Plan to qualified residential subscribers, as defined in the eligible telecommunications carrier’s published schedules. For the purposes of this section, the term “eligible telecommunications carrier” means an entity a telecommunications company, as defined by s. 364.02, which is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. s. 54.201 and this section.

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

1. A telecommunications company; or
2. A commercial mobile radio service provider.

(b) This legislative authority is intended to be sufficient to enable the commission, for the limited purpose of providing Lifeline service under this section, to approve any of the types of entities specified in paragraph (a) as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

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

Approved by the Governor April 15, 2024.

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