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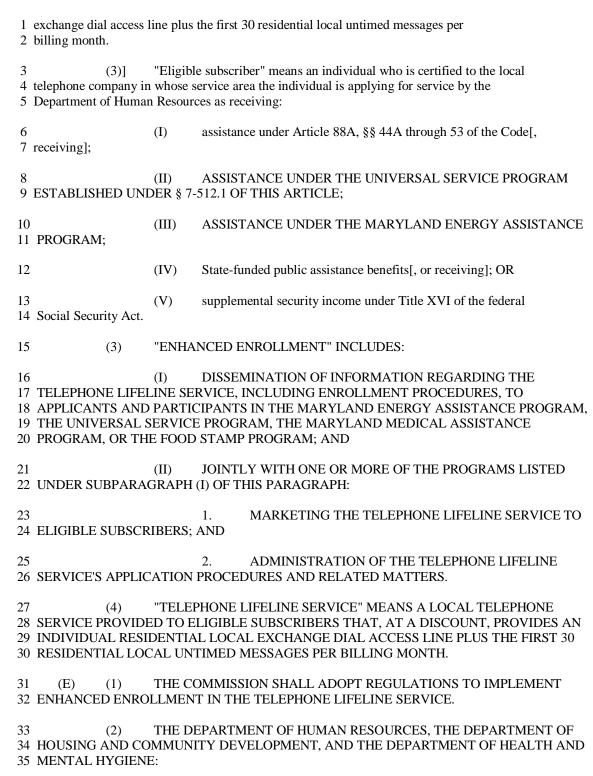
A BILL ENTITLED

1	A TAT		•
1	AN	ACL	concerning
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2 **Telephone Lifeline Service - Enhanced Enrollment**

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt certain
- regulations in order to enhance enrollment in the telephone lifeline service by 4
- certain methods; requiring the Department of Human Resources, the 5
- Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of 6
- 7 Health and Mental Hygiene, under certain circumstances, to assist the
- Commission in certain ways; authorizing certain memoranda of understanding; 8
- defining certain terms; making a certain technical correction; and generally 9
- 10 relating to enhanced enrollment in the telephone lifeline service.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- Article Public Utility Companies 12
- 13 Section 8-201(a)
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- (1998 Volume and 2001 Supplement) 15
- 16 BY adding to
- Article Public Utility Companies 17
- 18 Section 8-201(e)
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (1998 Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 21
- 22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 23 **Article - Public Utility Companies**
- 24 8-201.
- 25 In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) (1)
- 26 (2)["Telephone lifeline service" means a local telephone service provided
- 27 to eligible subscribers that, at a discount, provides an individual residential local

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- 1 (I) ON REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL ASSIST IN THE
- 2 ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE REGULATIONS; AND
- 3 (II) MAY ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
- 4 COMMISSION REGARDING RESPECTIVE DUTIES IN ENHANCED ENROLLMENT
- 5 MEASURES.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 7 October 1, 2002.