
By: Chairman, Finance Committee (Departmental - Human Resources)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Telephone Lifeline Service - Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain recipients of certain public assistance benefits
4 are eligible for telephone lifeline services; eliminating obsolete references to
5 statutes; and generally relating to the telephone lifeline service.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
8 Section 26A(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law**

14 26A.

15 (a) (1) In this section and § 26 of this article, the following terms have the
16 meanings indicated.

17 (2) "Telephone lifeline service" means a local telephone service provided to
18 eligible subscribers which provides at a discount an individual residential local exchange
19 dial access line plus the first 30 residential local untimed messages per billing month.

20 (3) "Eligible subscriber" means an individual who is certified to the local
21 telephone company in whose service area the individual is applying for service by the
22 Department of Human Resources as receiving benefits under Article 88A, §§ 44A
23 through [54] 53 of the Code, RECEIVING STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
24 BENEFITS, or RECEIVING supplemental security income under Title XVI of the federal
25 Social Security Act.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 1997.