

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of Section 2, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 28, 1985.

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CHAPTER 771

(House Bill 1020)

AN ACT concerning

Telephone Companies - Telephone Lifeline Service

FOR the purpose of requiring certain local telephone companies to offer a residential telephone lifeline service to certain eligible individuals; prescribing the terms and conditions under which residential telephone lifeline service shall be offered; defining the class of eligible subscribers; creating an exception to the prohibition against undue preference or discrimination by public service companies; providing for a credit to telephone companies against gross receipts taxes otherwise due for a certain portion of the ~~costs--of--providing~~ charges for residential telephone lifeline service; providing for a certain report to the General Assembly by the Public Service Commission; prohibiting a telephone company from charging a certain fee for disconnecting from a certain service and ~~reconnecting~~ connecting to another class of service under certain circumstances; providing that certain persons applying for telephone lifeline service may be ~~disqualified~~ denied service under certain circumstances; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to residential telephone lifeline service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 26(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law  
Section 26A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)