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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to permitting the public utilities commission to approve new providers for the Lifeline program.

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COMMITTEE: Science, Technology and Energy

ANALYSIS

This bill permits the public utilities commission to designate any commercial mobile service provider or telecommunications company as eligible for federal universal service support and to create rules for implementing this authority.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 155:1 New Paragraph; Affordable Telephone Service; Rulemaking; Standards. Amend RSA 374:22-
2 p by inserting after paragraph VIII the following new paragraph:

3 IX. Notwithstanding RSA 362:6, the commission may designate any commercial mobile service
4 provider or telecommunications company as an eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of
5 receiving federal universal service support and offering services supported by federal universal service
6 support mechanisms. This is in addition to any commercial mobile service provider or
7 telecommunications company designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to 47 U.S.C.
8 sections 214(e)(1) and 214(e)(2), and 47 C.F.R. section 54.201. The commission may adopt rules
9 necessary to implement this subsection.

155:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 07, 2025
Effective Date: September 05, 2025