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IN SENATE

May 20, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to enacting the lifeline expansion act of 2026

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "lifeline expansion act of 2026".

§ 2. Section 92-h of the public service law, as added by chapter 434 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 92-h. Participation in the targeted accessibility fund. 1. As used in this section, the term "fund" shall mean the targeted accessibility fund established by the commission for the purpose, among other things, of providing financial support for the provision of lifeline service in the state.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, [~~any provider or reseller~~] **all providers and resellers** of commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 20.3, in the state that [~~is~~] **are** designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) to offer lifeline service in the state [~~may, but shall not be required to,~~] **and every telephone corporation shall** participate in the fund for the purpose of offering lifeline service **to households at or below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level**. [~~If such a provider elects to participate in the fund, the~~] **Every** provider**, reseller and telephone corporation** shall assume all rights and obligations associated with such participation under the commission's orders, on the same basis as other participants. [~~Any such provider that has elected to participate in the fund may withdraw from such participation at any time.~~]

3. Except to the extent necessary to supervise or administer the fund, nothing in this section shall confer upon the commission any regulatory jurisdiction over providers or resellers of commercial mobile radio service that [~~elect to~~] participate in the fund.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ***italics*** (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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