

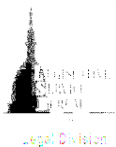
HOUSE BILL NO. 4977

September 17, 2019, Introduced by Rep. Camilleri and referred to the Committee on Communications and Technology.

A bill to amend 1991 PA 179, entitled
"Michigan telecommunications act,"
by amending section 316 (MCL 484.2316), as amended by 2011 PA 58.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 316. (1) The commission shall require each provider of
2 residential basic local exchange service to offer certain ~~low~~
3 ~~income-low-income~~ customers ~~the availability of~~ basic local
4 exchange service, **broadband service, telephone service**, and access
5 service at reduced rates as described in subsections (2) and (3).
6 (2) Except as provided under subsections (3) and (4), the rate



1 reductions for ~~low-income~~ **low-income** customers ~~shall be~~ **is**, at a
 2 minimum, 20% of the basic local exchange rate, **20% of the broadband**
 3 **service rate, 20% of the telephone service rate**, or \$8.25, which
 4 ~~shall be~~ **is** inclusive of any federal contribution, whichever is
 5 greater.

6 (3) Except as provided under subsection (4), if the ~~low-income~~
 7 **low-income** customer is 65 years of age or older, the rate reduction
 8 ~~shall be~~ **is**, at a minimum, 25% of the basic local exchange rate,
 9 **25% of the broadband service rate, 25% of the telephone service**
 10 **rate**, or \$12.35, which ~~shall be~~ **is** inclusive of any federal
 11 contribution, whichever is greater.

12 (4) The total reduction under subsection (2) or (3) ~~shall~~ **must**
 13 not exceed **100% of the broadband service rate, 100% of the**
 14 **telephone service rate, or** 100% of all end-user common line charges
 15 and the basic local exchange rate. The dollar amounts in
 16 subsections (2) and (3) ~~shall~~ **must** be adjusted annually to reflect
 17 any ~~increases or decreases~~ **increase or decrease** in the federal
 18 contribution.

19 (5) To qualify for the reduced rate under this section, the
 20 ~~person's~~ **individual's** annual income ~~shall~~ **must** not exceed ~~150% of~~
 21 ~~the federal poverty guidelines~~ **the median household income in this**
 22 **state as** published annually in the federal register by the United
 23 States department of health and human services and as approved by
 24 ~~the state treasurer,~~ **by the United States Census Bureau**, or the
 25 ~~person~~ **individual** must participate in 1 **or more** of the following
 26 federal assistance programs:

27 (a) Medicaid.

28 (b) Food stamps.

29 (c) Supplemental security income.



1 (d) Federal public housing assistance.

2 (e) Low-income home energy assistance program.

3 (f) National school lunch program's free lunch program.

4 (g) Temporary assistance for needy families.

5 (6) The commission shall establish a rate for each subscriber
6 line of a provider to allow the provider to recover costs incurred
7 under this section. The rate established by the commission under
8 this subsection may be assessed as a line item on an end-user's
9 bill.

10 (7) The commission shall take necessary action to notify the
11 general public of the availability of lifeline services including,
12 but not limited to, public service announcements, newspaper
13 notices, and any other notice reasonably calculated to reach those
14 who may benefit from the services.

