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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU INVITES COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2018

WC Docket No. 18-336
CC Docket No. 92-105

Comments Due: December 10, 2018

The National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 (Act)¹ was signed into law on August 14, 2018. The Act directs the Commission to (1) conduct a study that examines the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system; and (2) analyze how well the current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is working to address the needs of veterans.² The Act also directs the Commission to coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the North American Numbering Council in conducting the study, and to produce a report on the study by August 14, 2019.³ The Commission's report must recommend whether a particular N11 dialing code or simple, easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code should be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system and, if so, the logistics and costs associated with designating such a dialing code, among other issues.⁴

The Wireline Competition Bureau invites comments from interested stakeholders on the issues that the Commission must address in the study and the report required by the Act. Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau also directs the North American Numbering Council to consider and provide recommendations on the issues the Commission must address when conducting the study.⁵

Pursuant to section 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated above. All filings should refer to WC Docket No. 18-336 and CC Docket No. 92-105. Filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Comments may be filed by paper or by using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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¹ National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-233, H.R. 2345, 115th Congress (2018), <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr2345/text>.

² *Id.* § 3(a)(1).

³ *Id.* § 3 (a)(2), (b)(1).

⁴ *Id.* § 3(b)(2).

⁵ See Letter from Kris Anne Monteith, Chief, FCC Wireline Competition Bureau, to Hon. Travis Kavulla, Chair, North American Numbering Council, WC Docket No. 18-336, CC Docket No. 92-105 (Nov. 8, 2018).

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⁶ See 47 CFR §§ 1.1200(a), 1.1206.