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**January 15, 2020**

**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON**

**3-DIGIT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE PROPOSAL**

**WC Docket No. 18-336**

**Comment Date: February 14, 2020  
Reply Comment Date: March 16, 2020**

On December 12, 2019, the Commission adopted the *Suicide Prevention Hotline Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*.[[1]](#footnote-3) In the *Notice*, the Commission seeks comment on its proposal to designate 988 as a simple, easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.[[2]](#footnote-4) The *Notice* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days after the date of publication of a summary of the *Notice* in the Federal Register.[[3]](#footnote-5) The Federal Register published a summary of the *Notice* on January 15, 2020.[[4]](#footnote-6) Accordingly, comments will be due on or before February 14, 2020, and reply comments will be due on or before March 16, 2020. Complete filing instructions are provided in the *Notice* and in the Federal Register Notice.[[5]](#footnote-7)

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1. *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, WC Docket No. 18-336, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 19-128 (rel. Dec. 16, 2019) (*Notice*). The *Notice* is available on the Commission’s website. *See* <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-19-128A1.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *Notice* at paras. 25-32. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. *Id.* at 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. Federal Communications Commission, *Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018*, 85 Fed. Reg. 2359 (January 15, 2020) (Federal Register Notice). The Federal Register Notice can be found on the Federal Register’s website. *See* <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/01/15/2019-28429/implementation-of-the-national-suicide-hotline-improvement-act-of-2018>. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *See* *Notice* at para. 63 and Federal Register Notice, 85 Fed. Reg. at 2368. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)