

Subject Underground facilities; reporting and civil penalties

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Overview

This bill modifies regulation of underground lines, pipelines, and facilities, to (1) require quarterly reports on excavation notices and facility damages, and (2) revise civil penalties to use maximum amounts set in federal law. Effective August 1, 2023.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Excavation notice system performance reporting. Directs owners or operators of underground lines and facilities (e.g., for communications, natural gas, petroleum, power, water, and sanitary sewer systems) to provide quarterly reports to the Office of Pipeline Safety. The required reporting is on excavation notices received from a statewide notification center (known as Gopher State One Call) as well as underground facility damages. Some underground facility owners and operators with fewer than 5,000 notifications annually are exempt from the reporting.
2	Money penalty. Revises the maximum civil penalty for violations of pipeline safety regulations, to use the maximums established in federal law.
3	Civil penalty. Revises the maximum civil penalty for failure to report a pipeline release or dispose of part of a pipeline following a release, to use the maximums established in federal law.