

Subject Excavation notice system

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Overview

This bill, as proposed to be amended by the H2717DE2 amendment, would modify various aspects of the process and requirements related to the excavation notice system administered by a statewide notification center known as Gopher State One Call. Effective August 1, 2024.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Locate. Defines “locate” in the chapter of statutes governing the excavation notice system, to describe the surface markings for underground lines and utilities.
2	Locate period. Defines a “locate period” in the chapter of statutes governing the excavation notice system, to be various time periods in conjunction with a request to locate and mark underground lines and facilities.
3	On-site meet. Defines an “on-site meet” in the chapter of statutes governing the excavation notice system, to describe an in-person meeting at the site of a proposed excavation.
4	Utility quality level. Revises the definition of “utility quality level” in the chapter of statutes governing the excavation notice system, to reference the latest technical guidance document on quality of utility information and provide for reference to documents as revised in the future.
5	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. Specifies report

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contents, which include information related to excavation notices received from Gopher State One Call as well as underground facility damages. Exempts some underground facility owners and operators with fewer than 5,000 notifications annually.

6 Excavation; land survey.

Amends various requirements on excavation and land survey notices to underground facility owners and operators.

Subd. 1. Notice required; contents. Excludes the day of notice submission from being counted in a minimum 48-hour window that is required, as part of notice submitted by an excavator or land surveyor to Gopher State One Call, before commencing excavation or a boundary survey. Revises requirements on preliminary design and preconstruction meetings.

Subd. 1b. On-site meet. Sets requirements on in-person meetings at the site of a proposed excavation, including to specify when a meet is mandatory, provide for scheduling, and require documentation.

Subd. 2. Duties of notification center; regarding notice. Makes technical changes.

Subd. 3. Locating underground facility; operator. Paragraph (a) amends the deadline for the operator of underground lines and facilities to mark out the location of its facilities following a notice of excavation (submitted through Gopher State One Call), to be based on a locate period that is generally at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) but can vary depending on circumstances.

Paragraph (d) revises requirements on the surface markers used to designate the underground location of lines and facilities.

Paragraph (h) directs operators of underground lines and facilities to implement geospatial location information to document new as well as abandoned facilities, which has a delayed effective date.

Subd. 4. Locating underground facility; excavator or land surveyor. Makes technical changes.

7 Precautions to avoid damage.

Amends proposed excavation marking types and methods for excavators.

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8	<p>Cost reimbursement.</p> <p>Prevents provisions in a contract for excavation work that involve an excavator bearing costs directly related to utility work when the excavator is not the cause of a delay.</p>
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