

**Subject** Underground telecommunications infrastructure installation

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## Summary

This bill modifies the requirements for installing underground telecommunications infrastructure in the following ways:

- Removes the requirement that a minimum of two safety-qualified installers be present at all times when infrastructure is being installed by directional drilling.
- Eliminates a 2025 deadline for compliance with the installation requirements that was specific to installations in the seven-county metropolitan area. (The 2026 deadline for all installations to comply statewide remains in place.)
- Exempts installations on private property within 36 inches of the surface from all requirements of the section.
- Reduces the length of training required to first become certified as a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer from a 40-hour course to a ten-hour course.

All changes in the bill become effective the day following final enactment.