

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

S 1068 General Bill, By Rose, Verdin and Grooms

Summary: Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 35, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, TO INCLUDE THE WORD 'SAFETY' IN THE ACT NAME, TO DEFINE TERMS USED IN THE ACT, TO PROVIDE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR FACILITY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO EXCAVATION, TO REQUIRE FACILITY OPERATORS TO FORM AND OPERATE A NOTIFICATION CENTER, TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AFTER THE CENTER HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATORS MUST FOLLOW CERTAIN SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION POLICIES, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR NEW UTILITY INSTALLATIONS, TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN TYPES OF EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS THAT MUST BE TAKEN BY AN OPERATOR IN THE EVENT OF DAMAGE TO A FACILITY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR DESIGN LOCATE REQUESTS, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECOVERY OF DAMAGES DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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