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H*3571 (Rat #0093, Act #0065 of 2025) General Bill, By Hiott, Guffey, J.L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton

Summary: Underground Facility Damage Prevention

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "COMMENCEMENT DATE," "LARGE PROJECT," "LARGE PROJECT FACILITY LOCATION AGREEMENT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING," AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO NOTICES OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO EXCAVATORS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT DATE, REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENTS OF CIVIL PENALTIES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE EXCAVATORS TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGES TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSES, SO AS TO ADD REFERENCES TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/12/24	**House**	**Prefiled**
12/12/24	**House**	**Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry**
01/14/25	**House**	**Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 248)**
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01/29/25	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guffey**
02/20/25	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: J.L.Johnson**
02/26/25	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pedalino, Neese**
02/26/25	**House**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 5)**
02/27/25	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: B.Newton**
02/27/25	**House**	**Amended (House Journal-page 14)**
02/27/25	**House**	**Read second time (House Journal-page 14)**
02/27/25	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 17)**
02/27/25	**House**	**Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 20)**
02/28/25	**House**	**Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 1)**
03/04/25	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 12)**
03/04/25	**Senate**	**Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 12)**
03/04/25		**Scrivener's error corrected**
04/29/25	**Senate**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 16)**
05/01/25	**Senate**	**Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 59)**
05/01/25	**Senate**	**Read second time (Senate Journal-page 59)**
05/06/25	**Senate**	**Amended (Senate Journal-page 39)**
05/06/25	**Senate**	**Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 39)**
05/06/25	**Senate**	**Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 39)**
05/07/25		**Scrivener's error corrected**
05/08/25	**House**	**Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 77)**
05/08/25	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 78)**

05/20/25	**Ratified R 93**
05/22/25	**Signed By Governor**
05/27/25	**Effective date 05/22/26**
05/27/25	**Act No. 65**