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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the notification requirements imposed on an
2 excavator under the one-call program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 480.4, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, prior to
4 any excavation, an excavator shall contact the notification
5 center and provide notice of the planned excavation. This
6 notice must be given at least forty-eight hours prior to the
7 commencement of the excavation, excluding Saturdays, Sundays,
8 and legal holidays. The notification center shall establish a
9 toll-free telephone number to allow excavators to provide the
10 notice required pursuant to this subsection.

11 A notice provided pursuant to this subsection shall be
12 ~~verbal and include the following information:~~ made to the
13 notification center in a form and manner specified by the
14 board by rule. The rules of the board shall specifically
15 require the excavator to provide data or information necessary
16 to provide timely, accurate, and comprehensive communication
17 between the excavator, notification center, and operator. The
18 notification shall be complete and accurate in describing the
19 precise area of excavation.

20 ~~a.--The name of the person providing the notice.~~

21 ~~b.--The precise location of the proposed area of~~
22 ~~excavation, including the range, township, section, and~~
23 ~~quarter section, if known.~~

24 ~~c.--The name and address of the excavator.~~

25 ~~d.--The excavator's telephone number.~~

26 ~~e.--The type and extent of the proposed excavation.~~

27 ~~f.--Whether the discharge of explosives is anticipated.~~

28 ~~g.--The date and time when excavation is scheduled to~~
29 ~~begin.~~

30 For purposes of the requirements of this section, an
31 excavation commences the first time excavation occurs in an
32 area that was not previously identified by the excavator in an
33 excavation notice.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill amends the notification requirements imposed on

1 an excavator under the state's one-call provisions. The bill
2 strikes language requiring that the notification be verbal and
3 language setting forth specific information related to the
4 excavator and the site of the excavation which is included in
5 the notice made to the notification center. The bill provides
6 that notice is to be made to the notification center in a
7 manner specified by the board by rule. The notification is to
8 be complete and accurate in describing the precise area of
9 excavation.

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