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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to identifying the location of underground
2 facilities.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 480.4A Identification — mapping.

2 The utilities board shall, pursuant to chapter 17A, adopt
3 rules establishing standards and requirements regarding
4 permanently identifying and marking the location of underground
5 facilities installed on or after January 1, 2013. The rules
6 shall, at a minimum, provide for the following:

7 1. Development and maintenance by an operator of a map,
8 diagram, drawing, or geospatial information regarding the
9 location of an underground facility, which shall be furnished
10 to the notification center, posted on an internet site
11 maintained by the operator, and in the case of an underground
12 facility located in a public right-of-way, furnished to the
13 city or county in which the underground facility is located.

14 2. Placement of a location wire or equally effective
15 means of marking the location of a nonconductive underground
16 facility, and placement of a sign indicating the point at
17 which a service lateral deviates or branches away from the
18 underground facility route or location. The requirements of
19 this subsection shall not apply to the making of repairs to or
20 a partial replacement of existing underground facilities for
21 the purposes of routine maintenance and upkeep.

22 3. For purposes of this section, "nonconductive" means
23 constructed of a material other than metal. For purposes of
24 this section, "service lateral" means a secondary underground
25 facility connecting to an end-use customer.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill relates to the identification of underground
28 facilities.

29 The bill directs the Iowa utilities board to adopt rules
30 establishing standards and requirements regarding permanently
31 identifying and marking the location of underground facilities
32 installed on or after January 1, 2013. The bill states that
33 the rules shall, at a minimum, provide for the development and
34 maintenance by an operator (generally a public, private, or
35 municipal utility) of a map, diagram, drawing, or geospatial

1 information regarding the location of an underground facility,
2 to be provided to the statewide notification center established
3 in Code section 480.3, posted on an internet site maintained by
4 the operator, and to a city or county if a public right-of-way
5 is involved.

6 The bill additionally requires the placement of a location
7 wire or equally effective means of marking the location of a
8 nonconductive underground facility, and placement of a sign
9 indicating the point at which a service lateral deviates or
10 branches away from the underground facility route or location.
11 The bill provides that this provision does not apply to repairs
12 to or a partial replacement of existing underground facilities
13 for the purposes of routine maintenance and upkeep.

14 The bill defines "nonconductive" to mean constructed of
15 a material other than metal, and "service lateral" to mean
16 a secondary underground facility connecting to an end-use
17 customer.