

Senate File 147 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the conducting of an underground facility
2 low-impact marking study.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. UNDERGROUND FACILITY LOW-IMPACT MARKING —
2 STUDY.

3 1. The utilities board of the utilities division of the
4 department of commerce, in consultation with the statewide
5 notification center established in section 480.3, shall
6 conduct an underground facility low-impact marking study.
7 The objective of the study shall be to determine underground
8 facility marking practices, procedures, and techniques
9 which will provide sufficient notice to excavators of the
10 existence and location of underground facilities in the least
11 conspicuous and least permanent manner possible. The study
12 shall include examination of underground facility low-impact
13 marking approaches undertaken in other states, the merits
14 of water-based marking formulations and the utilization of
15 nonpaint marking products, and methods for educating operators
16 regarding underground facility low-impact marking options.

17 2. For the purposes of this section, "excavator",
18 "operator", and "underground facility" mean the same as defined
19 in section 480.1.

20 3. The board shall submit a report containing findings
21 and recommendations to the members of the general assembly by
22 January 1, 2016.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill directs the Iowa utilities board, in consultation
27 with the statewide notification center established in Code
28 section 480.3, to conduct an underground facility low-impact
29 marking study.

30 The bill provides that the objective of the study shall
31 be to determine underground facility marking practices,
32 procedures, and techniques which will provide sufficient notice
33 to excavators of the existence and location of underground
34 facilities in the least conspicuous and least permanent manner
35 possible. The study is required to include examination of

1 underground facility low-impact marking approaches undertaken
2 in other states, the merits of water-based marking formulations
3 and the utilization of nonpaint marking products, and methods
4 for educating operators regarding underground facility
5 low-impact marking options.

6 The bill requires the board to submit a report containing
7 findings and recommendations to the members of the general
8 assembly by January 1, 2016.