
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the repair of damaged infrastructure from certain excavators or demolishers.

Present law provides for the La. Underground Utilities and Facilities Damage Prevention Law.

Proposed law retains proposed law and provides for excavation and demolition regarding BEAD Program funding.

Proposed law defines "BEAD Program".

Proposed law provides that certain excavators or demolishers shall be required to give notice at least one calendar week in advance of the commencement of any excavation or demolition activity.

Proposed law provides that an excavator or demolisher who is excavating or demolishing utilizing funding provided by the BEAD Program that damages an underground utility or facility shall be responsible for all of the following:

- (1) Providing immediate measures to prevent further damage and to stop any leakage.
- (2) Notifying the relevant parties pursuant to present law immediately.
- (3) Repairing the damage or paying the cost to repair the damage.

Proposed law provides for the requirements for certain excavators or demolishers to receive final reimbursement of funds from the office of broadband development and connectivity.

Proposed law provides for applicability.

(Adds R.S. 40:1749.28)