



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB3573

Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Steve McClure

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 50/4.2 new

Amends the Illinois Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Act. Defines "fiber optic excavation crew". Provides that a fiber optic excavation crew shall comply with the following requirements: (1) every member of the fiber optic excavation crew must have completed a safety and installation training course provided by JULIE; (2) throughout an excavation project, the fiber optic excavation crew shall only use updated city maps, county maps, and right-of-way maps that are less than 2 years old; (3) the fiber optic excavation crew shall obtain a surety bond and provide proof of the surety bond to the unit of local government with jurisdiction over the excavation project; and (4) within 30 days after the completion of an excavation project, the fiber optic excavation crew shall fully restore any residential and landowner ground surface and landscaping to the condition the applicable land was in before the excavation project commenced. Provides that the amount of the surety bond shall be a reasonable amount set by the applicable unit of local government. Provides that the manager or supervisor of the crew shall send, and the project owner shall confirm the submission of, a letter affirming the restoration of the affected land to the mayor or the applicable township official of the land on which the project is located. Provides that a person who violates the amendatory provisions shall be subject to a \$500 fine for the first violation, a \$1,000 fine for the second violation, and a fine of no more than \$5,000 for each subsequent violation. Provides that the Commission may enter into an arbitration process with a person who violates the amendatory provisions 5 or more times to determine the proper damages, repayment, and fines for the violations.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Underground Utility Facilities
5 Damage Prevention Act is amended by adding Section 4.2 as
6 follows:

7 (220 ILCS 50/4.2 new)

8 Sec. 4.2. Fiber optic excavation crews.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "fiber optic excavation crew"
10 means a group of individuals who are assembled or employed to
11 excavate underground fiber optic conduit, ducts, cable lines,
12 wires, or related facilities.

13 (b) A fiber optic excavation crew shall comply with the
14 following requirements:

15 (1) Every member of the fiber optic excavation crew
16 must have completed a safety and installation training
17 course provided by JULIE.

18 (2) Throughout an excavation project, the fiber optic
19 excavation crew shall only use updated city maps, county
20 maps, and right-of-way maps that are less than 2 years
21 old.

22 (3) The fiber optic excavation crew shall obtain a
23 surety bond that is conditioned on the fiber optic

1 excavation crew's compliance with this Section. Proof of
2 the surety bond shall be provided to the unit of local
3 government with jurisdiction over the excavation project.
4 The amount of the surety bond shall be a reasonable amount
5 set by the applicable unit of local government.

6 (4) Within 30 days after the completion of an
7 excavation project, the fiber optic excavation crew shall
8 fully restore any residential and landowner ground surface
9 and landscaping to the condition the applicable land was
10 in before the excavation project commenced. The manager or
11 supervisor of the fiber optic excavation crew shall send,
12 and the project owner shall confirm the submission of, a
13 letter affirming the restoration of the affected land to
14 the mayor or the applicable township official of the land
15 on which the project is located.

16 (c) A person who violates this Section shall receive a
17 warning letter from the Commission or the applicable unit of
18 local government for the first violation, a fine of \$1,000 for
19 the second violation, and a fine of no more than \$5,000 for
20 each subsequent violation. The Commission may enter into an
21 arbitration process with a person who violates this Section 5
22 or more times to determine the proper damages, repayment, and
23 finances for the violations.