

FOR the purpose of protecting underground facilities of public service companies; requiring persons excavating near underground facilities of public service companies to provide certain information; requiring public service companies to provide certain information and to mark the horizontal location on the ground of underground facilities; and generally relating to underground facilities of public service companies.

BY adding to

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 28A, to be under the new Subtitle
"Underground Facilities"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 28A, to be under the new Subtitle "Underground Facilities" be and it is hereby added to Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

UNDERGROUND FACILITIES

28A.

(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PROTECT UNDERGROUND FACILITIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES FROM DESTRUCTION, DAMAGE OR DISLOCATION IN ORDER TO PREVENT:

- (1) DEATH OR INJURY TO PERSONS.
- (2) PROPERTY DAMAGE TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.
- (3) LOSS OF SERVICES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(B) AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) "EXCAVATION" MEANS ANY OPERATION IN WHICH EARTH, ROCK OR OTHER MATERIAL IN OR ON THE GROUND IS MOVED, REMOVED OR OTHERWISE DISPLACED BY MEANS OF ANY TOOLS, EQUIPMENT OR EXPLOSIVES AND INCLUDES, WITHOUT LIMITATION, GRADING, TRENCHING, DIGGING, DITCHING, DRILLING, AUGERING, TUNNELLING, SCRAPING, CABLE OR PIPE PLOWING AND DRIVING, WRECKING, RAZING, RENDING, MOVING OR