

SB1438



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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Introduced 2/7/2023, by Sen. Rachel Ventura

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Dig Once Act. Provides that the Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall jointly develop a policy to reduce the scale and number of repeated excavations related to roads, highways, tollways, and expressways for the installation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure and public utilities in rights of way. Provides that the Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall jointly develop rules to implement the Act.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Dig Once Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds and
7 declares that:

8 (1) minimizing traffic interruptions caused by
9 repeated excavation and other construction projects is
10 important to preserving the public safety of individuals
11 traveling on Illinois roadways;

12 (2) the costs of trenching and installing broadband
13 infrastructure by multiple providers increases the price
14 consumers pay for broadband service; and

15 (3) greater efficiency and coordination between the
16 State, units of local government, and internet service
17 providers can help to alleviate costs and disruptions to
18 consumers.

19 Section 10. Definition. As used in this Act, "broadband
20 infrastructure" means conduit, pipe, interdict, or microduct
21 for fiber optic or other cables that accommodate current or
22 future broadband and wireless facilities for broadband

1 service.

2 Section 15. Dig once. The Department of Transportation,
3 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the Department
4 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall jointly develop a
5 policy to reduce the scale and number of repeated excavations
6 related to roads, highways, tollways, and expressways for the
7 installation and maintenance of broadband infrastructure and
8 public utilities in rights of way.

9 Section 20. Rulemaking. The Department of Transportation,
10 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and the Department
11 of Commerce and Economic Opportunity shall jointly develop
12 rules to implement this Act.