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1 AN ACT concerning underground utilities facilities damage

- 2 prevention.
- 3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 4 represented in the General Assembly:
- 5 Section 5. The Illinois Underground Utility Facilities
- 6 Damage Prevention Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 2.2,
- 7 2.3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14 and adding Sections
- 8 2.6 and 2.7 as follows:
- 9 (220 ILCS 50/2) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1602)
- 10 Sec. 2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Act, unless the
- 11 context clearly otherwise requires, the terms specified in
- 12 Sections 2.1 through 2.7 2.5 have the meanings ascribed to
- 13 them in those Sections.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)

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- 15 (220 ILCS 50/2.2) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1602.2)
- 16 Sec. 2.2. <u>Underground utility facilities</u> "Underground
- 17 utility facilities" or "facilities" means and includes wires,
- ducts, fiber optic cable, conduits, pipes, sewers, and cables
- 19 and their connected appurtenances installed beneath the
- 20 surface of the ground by a public utility (as is defined in

the Illinois Public Utilities Act, as amended), or by a

- 22 municipally owned or mutually owned utility providing a
- 23 similar utility service, except an electric cooperative as
- defined in the Illinois Public Utilities Act, as amended, or
- 25 by a pipeline entity transporting gases, crude oil, petroleum
- 26 products, or other hydrocarbon materials within the State or
- 27 by a telecommunications carrier as defined in the Universal
- 28 Telephone Service Protection Law of 1985, or by a company
- 29 described in Section 1 of "An Act relating to the powers,
- duties and property of telephone companies", approved May 16,

- 1 1903, as amended, or by a community antenna television
- 2 system, hereinafter referred to as "CATS", as defined in the
- 3 Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)
- 5 (220 ILCS 50/2.3) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1602.3)
- 6 Sec. 2.3. <u>Excavation</u>. "Excavation" means any operation
- 7 in which earth, rock, or other material in or on the ground
- 8 is moved, removed, or otherwise displaced by means of any
- 9 tools, power equipment or explosives, and includes, without
- 10 limitation, grading, trenching, digging, ditching, drilling,
- 11 augering, boring, tunneling, scraping, cable or pipe plowing,
- 12 and driving but does not include farm tillage operations or
- 13 railroad right-of-way maintenance or operations or coal
- 14 mining operations regulated under the Federal Surface Mining
- 15 Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 or any State law or rules
- or regulations adopted under the federal statute, or land
- 17 surveying operations as defined in the Illinois Professional
- 18 Land Surveyor Act of 1989 when not using power equipment.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 86-674; 86-1195; 87-125.)
- 20 (220 ILCS 50/2.6 new)
- Sec. 2.6. Emergency locate request. "Emergency locate
- 22 <u>request" means a locate request for any condition</u>
- 23 <u>constituting a clear and present danger to life, health, or</u>
- 24 property, or a utility service outage, and which requires
- 25 <u>immediate repair or action.</u>
- 26 (220 ILCS 50/2.7 new)
- Sec. 2.7. Tolerance zone. "Tolerance zone" means the
- 28 <u>approximate location of underground utility facilities or</u>
- 29 <u>CATS facilities defined as a strip of land at least 3 feet</u>
- 30 wide, but not wider than the width of the underground
- 31 <u>facility or CATS facility plus 1-1/2 feet on either side of</u>

- 1 <u>such facility</u>. Excavation within the tolerance zone requires
- 2 <u>extra care and precaution including, but not limited to, as</u>
- 3 <u>set forth in Section 4.</u>
- 4 (220 ILCS 50/4) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1604)
- 5 Sec. 4. Required activities. Every person who engages
- 6 in nonemergency excavation or demolition shall:
- 7 (a) take reasonable action to inform himself of the
- 8 location of any underground utility facilities or CATS
- 9 facilities in and near the area for which such operation is
- 10 to be conducted;
- 11 (b) plan the excavation or demolition to avoid or
- 12 minimize interference with underground utility facilities or
- 13 CATS facilities within the tolerance zone by utilizing such
- 14 precautions that include, but are not limited to, hand
- 15 <u>excavation</u>, <u>vacuum</u> <u>excavation</u> <u>methods</u>, <u>and</u> <u>visually</u>
- 16 <u>inspecting the excavation while in progress until clear of</u>
- 17 <u>the existing marked facility</u> in-and-near-the-construction
- 18 area;
- (c) if practical, use white paint, flags, stakes, or
- both, to outline the dig site;
- 21 (d) (e) provide notice not more than 14 days nor less
- than 48 hours (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays)
- 23 in advance of the start of the excavation or demolition to
- 24 the owners or operators of the underground utility facilities
- or CATS facilities in and near the excavation or demolition $\frac{1}{2}$
- area through the State-Wide One-Call Notice System or, in the
- 27 case of nonemergency excavation or demolition within the
- 28 boundaries of a municipality of at least one million persons
- 29 which operates its own one-call notice system, through the
- 30 one-call notice system which operates in that municipality;
- 31 (e) (d) provide, during and following excavation or
- 32 demolition, such support for existing underground utility
- 33 facilities or CATS facilities in and near the excavation or

- 1 demolition area as may be reasonably necessary for the
- 2 protection of such facilities unless otherwise agreed to by
- 3 the owner or operator of the underground facility or CATS
- 4 facility; and
- 5 (f) (e) backfill all excavations in such manner and with
- 6 such materials as may be reasonably necessary for the
- 7 protection of existing underground utility facilities or CATS
- 8 facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area.
- 9 At a minimum, the notice required under clause (d) (e)
- 10 shall provide:
- 11 (1) the person's name, address, and (i) phone
- number at which a <u>person</u> message can be <u>reached and</u> left
- 13 er (ii) fax number;
- 14 (2) the start date of the planned excavation or
- 15 demolition;
- 16 (3) the address at which the excavation or
- 17 demolition will take place; and
- 18 (4) the type and extent of the work involved; and.
- 19 <u>(5) section/quarter sections when the above</u>
- 20 <u>information does not allow the State-Wide One-Call Notice</u>
- 21 <u>System to determine the appropriate geographic</u>
- 22 <u>section/quarter sections. This item (5) does not apply</u>
- 23 <u>to residential property owners.</u>
- 24 (Source: P.A. 87-125; 88-578, effective date changed to
- 25 7-1-95 by P.A. 88-681.)
- 26 (220 ILCS 50/5) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1605)
- 27 Sec. 5. <u>Notice of preconstruction conference.</u> When the
- 28 Illinois Department of Transportation notifies an owner or
- operator of an underground utility facility or CATS facility
- 30 that the Department will conduct a preconstruction conference
- 31 concerning new construction, reconstruction, or maintenance
- 32 of State highways in and near the area in which such owner or
- 33 operator has placed underground utility facilities, such

- 1 notification shall, except as otherwise provided in this 2 Section constitute compliance by the Department or its contractors with paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) (e) of Section 3 4 of this Act. In instances when notification of preconstruction conference is provided to the owner or 5 operator of an underground utility facility or CATS facility 6 7 but no specific date is established at the preconstruction 8 conference for the new construction, reconstruction 9 maintenance of State highways in and near the area in which the owner or operator has placed underground utility 10 11 facilities or CATS facilities, then the Department or its contractors shall later comply with paragraph (d) (e) of 12
- 14 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)

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Section 4 of this Act.

- 15 (220 ILCS 50/6) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1606)
- 16 Sec. 6. <u>Emergency excavation or demolition</u>. (a) Every 17 person who engages in emergency excavation or demolition 18 outside of the boundaries of a municipality of at least one million persons which operates its own one-call notice system 19 20 shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid or minimize 21 interference between the emergency work and existing 22 underground utility facilities or CATS facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area, through the State-Wide 23 24 One-Call Notice System, and shall notify, as far in advance as possible, the owners or operators of such underground 25 utility facilities or CATS facilities in and near the 26 emergency excavation or demolition area, through the 27 28 State-Wide One-Call Notice System. At a minimum, the notice required under this subsection (a) shall provide: 29
- 30 (1) the person's name, address, and (i) phone
 31 number at which a person can be reached and (ii) fax
 32 number;
- 33 (2) the start date of the planned emergency

- 1 <u>excavation or demolition;</u>
- 2 (3) the address at which the excavation or
- 3 <u>demolition will take place; and</u>
- 4 (4) the type and extent of the work involved.
- 5 <u>A 2-hour wait time exists after an emergency locate</u>
- 6 notification request is made through the State-Wide One-Call
- 7 Notice System. If the conditions at the site dictate an
- 8 <u>earlier start than the 2-hour wait time, it is the</u>
- 9 responsibility of the excavator to demonstrate that site
- 10 <u>conditions warranted this earlier start time.</u>
- 11 (b) Every person who engages in emergency excavation or
- 12 demolition within the boundaries of a municipality of at
- 13 least one million persons which operates its own one-call
- 14 notice system shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid
- or minimize interference between the emergency work and
- 16 existing underground utility facilities or CATS facilities in
- 17 and near the excavation or demolition area, through the
- 18 municipality's one-call notice system, and shall notify, as
- 19 far in advance as possible, the owners and operators of
- 20 underground utility facilities or CATS facilities in and near
- 21 the emergency excavation or demolition area, through the
- 22 municipality's one-call notice system.
- 23 (c) The reinstallation of traffic control devices shall
- 24 be deemed an emergency for purposes of this Section.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 86-674; 87-125.)
- 26 (220 ILCS 50/7) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1607)
- 27 Sec. 7. <u>Damage or dislocation</u>. In the event of any
- 28 damage to or dislocation of any underground utility
- 29 facilities or CATS facilities in connection with any
- 30 excavation or demolition, emergency or nonemergency, the
- 31 person responsible for the excavation or demolition
- 32 operations shall immediately notify the <u>affected utility and</u>
- 33 the State-Wide One-Call Notice System owner--of--such

- 1 facilities.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)
- 3 (220 ILCS 50/8) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1608)
- 4 Sec. 8. <u>Liability or financial responsibility</u>
- 5 (a) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect or
- 6 determine the financial responsibility for any operation
- 7 under this Act or liability of any person for any damages
- 8 that occur unless specifically stated otherwise.
- 9 (b) No liability for purely economic damages or losses,
- 10 <u>including but not limited to loss of profits, shall attach to</u>
- 11 any person for acts or omissions in the performance or
- 12 <u>nonperformance of the duties prescribed in this Act. The</u>
- 13 <u>furnishing of information in a required locate request, the</u>
- 14 <u>transmission of such information by the State-Wide One-Call</u>
- Notice System, and the locating and marking, or mislocating
- or mismarking, of underground utility facilities or CATS
- 17 <u>facilities by any person in response to a locate request</u>
- 18 shall not give rise to any liability for purely economic
- 19 <u>damages or losses, including but not limited to loss of</u>
- 20 <u>profits.</u>
- 21 (c) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to provide for
- 22 liability or financial responsibility of the Department of
- 23 Transportation, its officers and employees concerning any
- 24 underground utility facility or CATS facility located on
- 25 highway right-of-way by permit issued under the provisions of
- 26 Section 9-113 of the Illinois Highway Code. It is not the
- 27 intent of this Act to change any remedies in law regarding
- 28 the duty of providing lateral support.
- 29 <u>(d) Neither the State-Wide One-Call Notice System nor</u>
- 30 any of its officers, agents, or employees shall be liable for
- 31 <u>damages for injuries or death to persons or damage to</u>
- 32 property caused by acts or omissions in the receipt,
- 33 <u>recording</u>, or transmission of locate requests or other

- 1 information in the performance of its duties as the
 2 State-Wide One-Call Notice System.
- 3 (e) In joining the State-Wide One-Call Notice System, a
- 4 municipality's liability, under any membership rules and
- 5 regulations, for the identification of (i) the entity that is
- 6 <u>in charge of or managing the System or any officer, agent, or</u>
- 7 employee of that entity or (ii) a member of the System or any
- 8 officer, agent, or employee of a member of the System shall
- 9 <u>be limited to claims arising as a result of the acts or</u>
- 10 omissions of the municipality or its officers, agents, or
- 11 <u>employees or arising out of the operation of the operations</u>
- of the municipality's underground utility facilities.
- (f) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to create
- 14 any additional liability for a municipality in relation to
- any member of the system with which the municipality may have
- 16 <u>entered into a franchise agreement. If a municipality's</u>
- 17 <u>liability for indemnification under a franchise agreement is</u>
- 18 <u>narrower than under this Section</u>, the franchise agreement
- 19 <u>controls.</u>
- 20 (g) A person owning, operating, or locating underground
- 21 <u>facilities or CATS facilities may voluntarily locate any</u>
- 22 <u>similar facility that is privately owned and attached to the</u>
- 23 <u>facility owner's or operator's system in the area of the</u>
- 24 proposed excavation or demolition at the request of the owner
- 25 of the facility. If the locating is done at the request of
- 26 the owner of the facility without charge or fee and the
- 27 <u>facility</u> is mismarked and damaged, the person owning,
- 28 <u>operating</u>, or <u>locating</u> the <u>underground</u> utility facilities or
- 29 <u>CATS facilities shall not be liable for any resulting injury,</u>
- death, or property damage.
- 31 (h) Any residential property owner who fails to comply
- 32 <u>with any provision of this Act and damages underground</u>
- 33 <u>utility facilities or CATS facilities while engaging in</u>
- 34 <u>excavation or demolition on such residential property shall</u>

- 1 <u>not be subject to a penalty under this Act, but shall be</u>
- 2 <u>liable for the damage caused to the owner or operator of the</u>
- 3 <u>damaged underground utility facilities or CATS facilities.</u>
- 4 (Source: P.A. 86-674; 87-125.)
- 5 (220 ILCS 50/9) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1609)
- 6 Sec. 9. <u>Negligence</u>. When it is shown by competent
- 7 evidence in any action for <a href="https://physical.google-night-nigh
- 8 utility facilities or CATS facilities that such damages
- 9 resulted from excavation or demolition and that the person
- 10 engaged in such excavation or demolition failed to comply
- 11 with the provisions of this Act, that person shall be deemed
- 12 prima facie guilty of negligence. When it is shown by
- 13 competent evidence in any action for physical damages to
- 14 persons, material or equipment brought by persons undertaking
- 15 excavation or demolition acting in compliance with the
- 16 provisions of this Act that such damages resulted from the
- 17 failure of owners and operators of underground facilities or
- 18 CATS facilities to comply with the provisions of this Act,
- 19 those owners and operators shall be deemed prima facie guilty
- of negligence.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)
- 22 (220 ILCS 50/10) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1610)
- 23 Sec. 10. Record of notice; marking of facilities. Upon
- 24 notice by the person engaged in excavation or demolition, the
- 25 person owning or operating underground utility facilities or
- 26 CATS facilities in or near the excavation or demolition area
- 27 shall cause a written record to be made of the notice and
- shall mark, within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and
- 29 holidays) of receipt of notice, the approximate locations of
- 30 such facilities so as to enable the person excavating or
- 31 demolishing to establish the location of the underground
- 32 utility facilities or CATS facilities.

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All persons subject to the requirements of this Act shall 2 plan and conduct their work consistent with reasonable 3 business practices. Conditions may exist making it 4 unreasonable to request that locations be marked within 48 5 hours. It is unreasonable to request owners and operators of underground utility facilities and CATS facilities to locate 6 7 all of their facilities in an affected area upon short notice 8 in advance of a large or extensive nonemergency project, or to request extensive locates in excess of a reasonable 9 10 excavation or demolition work schedule, or to request locates 11 under conditions where a repeat request is likely to be made 12 because of the passage of time or adverse job conditions. 13 Owners and operators of underground utility facilities and CATS facilities must reasonably anticipate seasonal 14 fluctuations in the number of locate requests and staff 15 16 accordingly. Marking--need--not-be-accomplished-more-than-48 17 hours-in-advance-of-the--time--excavation--or--demolition--of daily--segments-of-the-excavation-or-demolition-are-scheduled 18 19 to-begin-If a person owning or operating underground utility 20 21 facilities or CATS facilities receives a notice under this 22 Section but does not own or operate any underground utility 23 facilities or CATS facilities within the proposed excavation or demolition area described in the notice, that person, 24 25 within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) after receipt of the notice, shall so notify the person 26 engaged in excavation or demolition who initiated the notice, 27 unless the person who initiated the notice expressly waives 28 29 the right to be notified that no facilities are located 30 within the excavation or demolition area. The notification by the owner or operator of underground utility facilities or 31 CATS facilities to the person engaged in excavation or 32 33 demolition may be provided in any reasonable manner 34 including, but not limited to, notification in any one of the

1 following ways: by face-to-face communication; by phone or 2 phone message; by facsimile; by posting in the excavation or demolition area; or by marking the excavation or demolition 3 4 The owner or operator of those facilities has area. 5 discharged the owner's or operator's obligation to provide 6 notice under this Section if the owner or operator attempts 7 to provide notice by telephone or by facsimile, if the person 8 has supplied a facsimile number, but is unable to 9 because the person engaged in the excavation or demolition does not answer his or her telephone or does not have an 10 11 answering machine or answering service to receive the telephone call or does not have a facsimile machine in 12 operation to receive the facsimile transmission. 13 owner or operator attempts to provide notice by telephone 14 15 by facsimile but receives a busy signal, that attempt shall 16 not serve to discharge the owner or operator of obligation to provide notice under this Section. 17

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A person engaged in excavation or demolition may expressly waive the right to notification from the owner or operator of underground utility facilities or CATS facilities that the owner or operator has no facilities located in the proposed excavation or demolition area. Waiver of notice is only permissible in the case of regular or non-emergency locate requests. The waiver must be made at the time of the notice to the State-Wide One-Call Notice System. A waiver made under this Section is not admissible as evidence in any criminal or civil action that may arise out of, or is in any way related to, the excavation or demolition that is the subject of the waiver.

For the purposes of this Act, <u>underground facility</u> operators may utilize a combination of flags, stakes, and paint when possible on non-paved surfaces and when dig site and seasonal conditions warrant the-"approximate-location"-of underground--utility-facilities-or-CATS-facilities-is-defined

- 1 as-a-strip-of-land-at-least-3-feet-wide-but--not--wider--than
- 2 the-width-of-the-underground-facility-or-CATS-facility-plus-1
- 3 1/2-feet-on-either-side-of-such-facility. If the approximate
- 4 location of an underground utility facility or CATS facility
- 5 is marked with stakes or other physical means, the following
- 6 color coding shall be employed:
- 7 Utility or Community Antenna Identification Color
- 8 Television Systems and Type
- 9 of Product
- 10 Electric Power, Distribution and
- 11 Transmission..... Safety Red
- 12 Municipal Electric Systems..... Safety Red
- 13 Gas Distribution and Transmission.... High Visibility
- 14 Safety Yellow
- Oil Distribution and Transmission.... High Visibility
- 16 Safety Yellow
- 17 Telephone and Telegraph Systems...... Safety Alert Orange
- 18 Community Antenna Television Systems.. Safety Alert Orange
- 19 Water Systems..... Safety
- 20 Precaution Blue
- 21 Sewer Systems..... Safety Green
- Non-potable Water and Slurry Lines.... Safety Purple
- 23 <u>Temporary Survey...... Safety Pink</u>
- 24 <u>Proposed Excavation..... Safety White</u>
- 25 (Source: P.A. 86-674; 88-578 (effective date changed to
- 26 7-1-95 by P.A. 88-681); 88-681, eff. 7-1-95.)
- 27 (220 ILCS 50/11) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1611)
- Sec. 11. <u>Penalties; liability; fund.</u>
- 29 (a) Every person who, while engaging in excavation or
- demolition, wilfully fails to comply with the Act by failing
- 31 to provide the notice to the owners or operators of the
- 32 underground facilities or CATS facility near the excavation
- 33 or demolition area through the State-Wide One-Call Notice

- 1 System as required by Section 4 of this Act and-damages-any
- 2 underground-utility-facilities-or-CATS-facilities, shall be
- 3 subject to a penalty fine of up to \$5,000 no-more-than-\$200
- 4 for each separate offense and shall be liable for the damage
- 5 caused to the owners or operators of the facility.
- 6 (b) Every person who, while engaging in excavation or
- 7 demolition, and has provided the notice to the owners or
- 8 operators of the underground utility facilities or CATS
- 9 facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area
- 10 through the State-Wide One-Call Notice System as required by
- 11 Section 4 of this Act, but otherwise wilfully fails to comply
- 12 with this Act and-damages-any-underground-utility--facilities
- or--CATS-facilities, shall be subject to a penalty fine of up
- 14 to \$2,500 no-more-than-\$100 for each separate offense and
- 15 shall be liable for the damage caused to the owners or
- operators of the facility.
- 17 <u>(c)</u> Every person who, while engaging in excavation or
- 18 demolition, and has provided the notice to the owners or
- 19 operators of the underground utility facilities or CATS
- 20 facilities in and near the excavation or demolition area
- 21 through the State-Wide One-Call Notice System as required by
- 22 Section 4 of this Act, but otherwise, while acting
- 23 reasonably, damages any underground utility facilities or
- 24 CATS facilities, shall not be subject to a <u>penalty</u>, fine but
- 25 shall be liable for the damage caused to the owners or
- 26 operators of the facility provided the underground utility
- 27 facility or CATS facility is properly marked as provided in
- 28 Section 10 of this Act.
- 29 (d) Every person who, while engaging in excavation or
- demolition, provides notice to the owners or operators of the
- 31 <u>underground utility facilities or CATS facilities through the</u>
- 32 <u>State-Wide One-Call Notice System as an emergency locate</u>
- 33 request and the locate request is not an emergency locate
- 34 request as defined in Section 2.6 of this Act shall be

- 1 <u>subject to a penalty up to \$2,500 for each separate offense.</u>
- 2 (e) Owners and operators of underground utility
- 3 facilities or <u>CATS</u> eommunity--antenna--television--systems
- 4 facilities who wilfully fail to comply with this Act by a
- 5 failure to mark or--to--properly--mark the location of an
- 6 underground utility or CATS facility shall be subject to a
- 7 penalty fine of up to \$5,000 no-more-than-\$200 for each
- 8 <u>separate offense</u> each-violation resulting from the failure to
- 9 mark or-properly-mark an underground utility facility or CATS
- 10 facility. No-person-shall-be-subject-to-such--fine--if--the
- 11 owner-or-operator-of-the-underground-utility-facilities-erred
- in--marking--or-failed-to-mark-such-facilities-as-provided-in
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- 14 committed.
- 15 (f) As provided in Section 3 of this Act, all owners or
- 16 <u>operators of underground utility facilities or CATS</u>
- 17 <u>facilities who fail to join the State-Wide One-Call Notice</u>
- 18 System by January 1, 2003 shall be subject to a penalty of
- 19 \$100 per day for each separate offense. Every day an owner or
- 20 <u>operator falls to join the State-Wide One-Call Notice System</u>
- is a separate offense. This subsection (f) does not apply to
- 22 <u>utilities operating facilities or CATS facilities exclusively</u>
- 23 <u>within the boundaries of a municipality with a population of</u>
- 24 <u>at least 1,000,000 persons.</u>
- 25 (g) No owner or operator of underground utility
- 26 facilities or community antenna television systems facilities
- 27 shall be subject to a <u>penalty</u> fine where a delay in marking
- or a failure to mark or properly mark the location of an
- 29 underground utility or CATS facility is caused by conditions
- 30 beyond the reasonable control of such owner or operator.
- 31 (h) Any person who is not an agent, employee, or
- 32 <u>authorized locating contractor of the owner or operator of</u>
- 33 <u>the underground utility facility or CATS facility who</u>
- 34 removes, alters, or otherwise damages markings, flags, or

1 stakes used to mark the location of an underground utility or 2 CATS facility other than during the course of the excavation for which the markings were made or before completion of the 3 4 project shall be subject to a penalty up to \$1,000 for each 5 separate offense. 6 (i) The excavator shall exercise due care at all times to protect underground utility facilities and CATS 7 facilities. If, after proper notification through the 8 9 State-Wide One-Call Notice System and upon arrival at the 10 site of a proposed excavation, the excavator observes clear evidence of the presence of an unmarked utility or CATS 11 facility in the area of the proposed excavation, the 12 13 excavator shall not begin excavating until 2 hours after an additional call is made to the State-Wide One-Call Notice 14 System for the area. The operator of the utility or CATS 15 16 facility shall respond within 2 hours of the excavator's call to the State-Wide One-Call Notice System. 17 (j) The Illinois Commerce Commission shall have the 18 19 power and jurisdiction to, and shall, enforce the provisions of this Act. The Illinois Commerce Commission may impose 20 administrative penalties as provided in this Section. The 2.1 22 Illinois Commerce Commission may promulgate rules and develop 23 enforcement policies in order to implement compliance with 24 this Act. When a penalty is warranted, the following criteria 25 shall be used in determining the magnitude of the penalty: (1) gravity of non compliance; 26 (2) culpability of offender; 27 (3) history of non compliance; 28 29 (4) ability to pay penalty; 30 (5) show of good faith of offender; (6) ability to continue business; and 31 (7) other special circumstances. 32 33 In-the-event-that-a-person-has-given-proper--notice;--the 34 owner-or-operator-of-the-underground-utility-facility-or-CATS

facility--has-marked-the-approximate-location-and-that-person

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2 is--unable--to--physically--locate--the--underground--utility 3 facility-or-CATS-facility,-where-other--than--an--"open--cut" 4 method-of-locating-must-be-used,-within-a-reasonable-time-due 5 to-conditions-beyond-his-control-and-that-person-has-notified the--State-Wide--One-Call--notice--system--of--the--owner--or 6 7 operator-of-the-underground-utility-facility-or-CATS-facility 8 of--the--need--for--additional--and--more-precise-markings-of 9 approximate-locations-and--the--owner--or--operator--has--not 10 further--and-more-precisely-marked-or-located-the-underground 11 utility--facility--or--CATS--facility--within--48--hours---of 12 receiving---such---notice,--then--the--person--excavating--or 13 demolishing,-exercising-reasonable-care,-shall-not-be--liable 14 for--damages--to--the--facilities----Actions--to--recover-the 15 penalty-provided-for-in-this-Section-shall-be-brought-by--the ${\tt State} \verb|'s--Attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-of-the-county-where-the-damage-occurred,-attorney-occ$ 16 17 the-request-of-the--owner--or--operator--of--the--underground utility--facilities--or--CATS--facilities--damaged,-or-at-the 18 19 request-of-any-person-when-the-owner--or--operator--fails--to 20 comply--with--this--Act,--or--at--the-request-of-the-Illinois 21 Commerce-Commission-in-the-name-of-the-People-of-the-State-of 22 Illinois,-in-the-circuit-court-for-that-county,--or--for--the 23 county--in--which--the-person-complained-of-has-its-principal 24 place-of-business-or-resides. 25 (k) There is hereby created in the State treasury a special fund to be known as the Illinois Underground Utility 26 27 Facilities Damage Prevention Fund. All penalties recovered in any action under this Section shall be paid into the Fund 28 29 and shall be distributed annually as a grant to 30 State-Wide One-Call Notice System to be used in safety and informational programs to reduce the number of incidents of 31 damage to underground utility facilities and CATS facilities 32 33 in Illinois. The distribution shall be made during January

each calendar year based on the balance in the Illinois

- 1 Underground Utility Facilities Damage Prevention Fund as of
- 2 December 31 of the previous calendar year. In all such
- 3 actions under this Section, the procedure and rules of
- 4 evidence shall conform with the Code of Civil Procedure, and
- 5 with rules of courts governing civil trials.
- 6 (1) The Illinois Commerce Commission shall establish an
- 7 Advisory Committee consisting of a representative from each
- 8 of the following: utility operator, JULIE, excavator,
- 9 <u>municipality</u>, and the general public. The Advisory Committee
- 10 shall serve as a peer review panel for any contested
- 11 penalties resulting from the enforcement of this Act.
- 12 <u>The members of the Advisory Committee shall be immune,</u>
- individually and jointly, from civil liability for any act or
- 14 omission done or made in performance of their duties while
- 15 serving as members of such Advisory Committee, but only in
- 16 the absence of willful misconduct.
- 17 (m) Any final order or decision of the Advisory
- 18 Committee may be reviewed as provided in the Administrative
- 19 Review Law and the rules adopted pursuant thereto.
- 20 Any--residential-property-owner-that-fails-to-comply-with
- 21 any-provision-of-this-Act--and--damages--underground--utility
- 22 facilities-or-CATS-facilities-while-engaging-in-excavation-or
- 23 demolition--on--land--owned-by-the-residential-property-owner
- 24 shall-not-be-subject-to-a-fine-but-shall-be--liable--for--the
- 25 damage--eaused--to--the--owner-or-operator-of-the-underground
- 26 utility-facilities-or-CATS-facilities-
- 27 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)
- 28 (220 ILCS 50/13) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1613)
- 29 Sec. 13. <u>Mandamus or injunction</u>. Where public safety or
- 30 the preservation of uninterrupted, necessary utility service
- 31 or community antenna television system service is endangered
- 32 by any person engaging in excavation or demolition in a
- 33 negligent or unsafe manner which has resulted in or is likely

1 to result in damage to underground utility facilities or CATS 2 facilities, or is proposing to use procedures for excavation or demolition which are likely to result in damage to 3 4 underground utility facilities or CATS facilities, or where 5 the owner or operator of underground utility facilities or <u>CATS</u> <u>facilities</u> <u>endangers</u> <u>an excavator</u> <u>by willfully failing</u> 6 7 to respond to a locate request, the owner or operator of such 8 facilities or the excavator or the State's Attorney or the 9 Illinois Commerce Commission at the request of the owner or 10 operator of such facilities or the excavator may commence an 11 action,--er-the-State's-Attorney,-at-the-request-ef-the-ewner 12 or-operator-of--such--facilities--or--the--Illinois--Commerce 13 Commission, -- shall -- commence -- an -action, in the circuit court for the county in which the excavation or demolition is 14 15 occurring or is to occur, or in which the person complained 16 of has his principal place of business or resides, for the 17 purpose of having such negligent or unsafe excavation or demolition stopped and prevented or to compel the marking of 18 19 underground utilities facilities or CATS facilities, either 20 by mandamus or injunction.

21 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)

22 (220 ILCS 50/14) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 1614)

23 Sec. 14. Home rule. The regulation of underground 24 utility facilities and CATS facilities damage prevention, as provided for in this Act, is an exclusive power and function 25 26 of the State. A home rule unit may not regulate underground utility facilities and CATS facilities damage prevention, 27 28 provided for in this Act. All units of local government, including home rule units, must comply with the provisions of 29 this Act. This Section is a denial and limitation of home 30 rule powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section 6 31 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution. 32

33 (Source: P.A. 86-674.)

- 1 (220 ILCS 50/11.5 rep.)
- 2 Section 10. The Illinois Underground Utility facilities
- 3 Damage Prevention Act is amended by repealing Section 11.5.
- 4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect
- 5 January 1, 2002.