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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING UTILITY OWNERS TO LOCATE AND DESCRIBE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES UPON WRITTEN OR ORAL REQUEST FROM A PERSON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING OR SURVEYING UNDERGROUND FACILITIES OR REQUIRES A GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF EXISTING UNDERGROUND FACILITIES IN AN AREA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 87-101 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 87-101. Definitions.**

As used in this Article:

(1) "Association" means an association, sponsored by utility owners, that ~~will provide~~provides for receipt of notification of excavation operations and surveyor or designer operations in a defined geographical area, and that ~~will maintain~~maintains the records of the notifications.

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(10a) "Small water or wastewater utility owner" means any person who owns or operates any underground line, system, or facility that is used for producing, storing, conveying, transmitting, or distributing water under pressure or sanitary sewage and that serves 100 or fewer service connections.

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(11a) "Surveyor or designer" means a person who is responsible for designing or surveying underground utilities or requires a general description and location of existing underground utilities in an area.

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**SECTION 2.** Article 8 of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

**"§ 87-107.1. Surveyor or designer requests; notice required; duties of utility owners.**

(a) Before surveying an area containing highways, public spaces, or private easements of a utility owner, a surveyor or designer may give notice to each utility owner having underground utilities located in the area to be surveyed, or to the utility owner's designated representative or association, either orally or in writing, not less than two nor more than 10 working days prior to starting, of the surveyor's or designer's intent to have a survey conducted. The written or oral notice shall contain all of the following:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the surveyor or designer.



- 1           (2)   The name, address, and telephone number of the person conducting the  
2           survey.
- 3           (3)   The anticipated starting date of the survey.
- 4           (4)   The anticipated duration of the survey.
- 5           (5)   The area to be surveyed.
- 6       (b)   If a surveyor or designer provides oral notice under subsection (a) of this section,  
7 the utility owner or designated representative or association and the surveyor or designer shall  
8 make an adequate record of the notification to document compliance with this section.
- 9       (c)   Each utility owner or designated representative or association, other than a small  
10 water or wastewater utility owner, notified of an intent to survey under subsection (a) of this  
11 section shall, before the proposed start of the survey, unless another period is agreed to by the  
12 surveyor or designer and the utility owner or designated representative or association, provide  
13 the following information to the surveyor or designer to the extent the information is reflected  
14 by records in the possession of and reasonably available to the utility owner:
- 15           (1)   The location and description of all of the underground utilities within the  
16           area to be surveyed.
- 17           (2)   The location and description of all utility markers indicating the location of  
18           the underground utilities within the area to be surveyed.
- 19           (3)   Temporary markings with paint, flags, or other visible means on the surface  
20           of the ground indicating the location of the underground utilities in locations  
21           where permanent utility markers do not exist.
- 22           (4)   Any other information that would assist in locating the underground  
23           utilities."

24       **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to notices given  
25 on or after that date.