

HB 1135 -- UNDERGROUND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

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This bill requires the owners of telecommunications and cable television lines and facilities to remove abandoned lines or facilities located in the public rights-of-way within 180 days of abandonment. The owner must also notify the relevant municipal, county, or state agency and provide a plan for removal within 30 days of abandonment.

Owners failing to remove abandoned lines or facilities within the specified time frame will be subject to a fine of \$500 per day until removal is completed and are responsible for reimbursing any costs incurred due to contact with abandoned lines and facilities during other infrastructure projects.