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HOUSE BILL NO. 864

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 56-257 of the Code of Virginia, relating to underground utility line standards.

Patron—Wagner

Referred to Committee on Corporations, Insurance and Banking

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 56-257 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 56-257. Manner of installing underground lines and facilities, etc.

Every corporation organized for any of the purposes enumerated in § 56-256 operator having the right to install underground utility lines and facilities, in laying any pipe or conduit in any of the public roads in the counties, or in any of the public parks, streets, avenues, or alleys in the cities or towns of this Commonwealth, to be used for the purposes of such company operator, shall install such pipe or conduit with minimum clearance as may be specified by the Commission but in no case to exceed three feet or, where said pipes or conduits cross, twelve inches from any other underground structure to allow proper maintenance and to protect against damage that might result from proximity to other structures.

In addition to the requirements of this section, each pipe or conduit shall be installed with sufficient clearance, or shall be insulated from any source of heat, so as to prevent the heat from impairing the serviceability of the pipe or conduit underground utility lines or facilities in accordance with the accepted industry standards and applicable regulations such as the National Electrical Safety Code, the Commission's Pipeline Safety Regulations, and the Department of Health's Waterworks Regulations, 12 VAC 5-590-10 et seq.

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