

State Corporation Commission 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB115

House of Origin	<u> X </u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Purkey

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: **Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act; sewer laterals.**

5. Summary: Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act; sewer laterals. Establishes a set of requirements for the protection of sewer system laterals and private sewer laterals that are unique from the general requirements of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act. The measure also establishes procedures to address recurring noncompliance with the provisions of the Act by localities and other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

8. Fiscal Implications: None.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: The State Corporation Commission's Division of Utility and Railroad Safety facilitated meetings of a working group made up of representatives of various stakeholder groups (local governments, utilities, excavators) for over a year to address the marking of sewer laterals. Construction of utilities such as gas lines, by trenchless excavation causes what is known as "cross bores" through unmarked sewer laterals resulting in blockage of these pipelines. In the process of clearing the blockage, the utility line that has gone through the sewer lateral gets damaged creating safety issues. This legislation was drafted by the working group to allow marking of the sewer laterals before excavation is performed.

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