

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 33.2 a section*
3 *numbered 33.2-280.2, relating to utility work database.*

4 [H 143]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 33.2 a**
8 **section numbered 33.2-280.2 as follows:**9 **§ 33.2-280.2. Utility work database.**10 **A. As used in this section:**11 *"Service connection" means any utility facility installed overhead or underground between a*
12 *distribution main, pipelines, conduits, lines, wires, or other sources of supply and the premises of the*
13 *individual customer.*14 *"Utility work" means the construction, installation, removal, or substantial maintenance of a*
15 *privately, publicly, or cooperatively owned line, facility, or system for producing, transmitting, or*
16 *distributing telecommunications, cable television, electricity, gas, oil, petroleum products, water, steam,*
17 *storm water not connected with highway drainage, or any other similar commodity, including any fire*
18 *or police signal system. "Utility work" does not include emergency maintenance or repairs or any work*
19 *directly related to any individual service connection or service drop.*20 **B. The Department shall establish and maintain a publicly accessible database and map of all utility**
21 **work that has been approved by the Department and will occur within a highway right-of-way in a**
22 **residential neighborhood, as specified by the utility. Such database shall include the location where such**
23 **work will occur, the start date of such work, the projected end date of such work, the company**
24 **administering such work, and any other relevant information; however, under no circumstances shall**
25 **such database and map provide information on any (i) utility work within a right-of-way not maintained**
26 **by the Department; (ii) critical utility infrastructure, as designated by the utility, that, upon disclosure,**
27 **has the potential to jeopardize security or critical services, including Critical Energy Infrastructure**
28 **Information and Controlled Unclassified Information; or (iii) information the permittee has designated**
29 **as confidential. Such information shall be available in the database at least seven days prior to the start**
30 **date of any such utility work and shall be deleted from such database 90 days after the completion of**
31 **such work.**32 **2. That any actions necessary to promulgate amendments to the regulations of the Department of**
33 **Transportation or the Commonwealth Transportation Board to implement the provisions of this**
34 **act shall be exempt from the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of**
35 **Virginia).**36 **3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.**