



1 accordance with the practice rules established under s.  
2 472.027;

3 ~~(b) Locating or protecting underground facilities,~~  
4 ~~provided no mechanized equipment is used in the process of~~  
5 ~~locating or protecting such underground facilities;~~

6 ~~(c) Extending underground facilities from an easement,~~  
7 ~~right-of-way, or area of permitted use onto the four-family,~~  
8 ~~three-family, two-family, or single-family residential~~  
9 ~~property of the person to be served by such facilities,~~  
10 ~~provided that, in the process of such extension, no mechanized~~  
11 ~~equipment is used on any operator's marked right-of-way,~~  
12 ~~easement, or permitted use; or~~

13 (b)(d) Maintenance activities performed by a state  
14 agency and its employees when such activities are within the  
15 right-of-way of a public road, provided, if a member operator  
16 has permanently marked facilities on such right-of-way, no  
17 mechanized equipment may be used without first providing  
18 notification.

19 (5) Any excavation with hand tools by a member  
20 operator or an agent of a member operator for:

21 (a) Locating, repairing, connecting, or protecting, or  
22 routine maintenance of, the member operator's underground  
23 facilities; or

24 (b) The extension of a member operator's underground  
25 facilities onto the property of a person to be served by such  
26 facilities.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Imposes liability for damage occurring to underground facilities during excavations with hand tools. Revises exemptions from notification requirements for excavations to locate, repair, connect, protect, or routinely maintain underground facilities or to extend facilities onto a person's property to be served by the facilities. See bill for details.

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