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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to use of right-of-way for
utilities; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; providing
that a permit-delegation agreement between the
Department of Transportation and a governmental
entity does not apply to facilities of public
utilities; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 337.401, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to
regulation; permit; fees.--

(1) The department and local governmental entities,
referred to in ss. 337.401-337.404 as the "authority," that
have jurisdiction and control of public roads or publicly
owned rail corridors are authorized to prescribe and enforce
reasonable rules or regulations with reference to the placing
and maintaining along, across, or on any road or publicly
owned rail corridors under their respective jurisdictions any
electric transmission, telephone, telegraph, or other
communications services lines; pole lines; poles; railways;
ditches; sewers; water, heat, or gas mains; pipelines; fences;
gasoline tanks and pumps; or other structures hereinafter
referred to as the "utility." The department may enter into a
permit-delegation agreement with a governmental entity if
issuance of a permit is based on requirements that the
department finds will ensure the safety and integrity of
facilities of the Department of Transportation; however, the

1 permit-delegation agreement does not apply to facilities of
2 public utilities.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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6 SENATE SUMMARY

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