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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, MAY 30, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287),
2 entitled "An act to protect the public health and safety by
3 preventing excavation or demolition work from damaging
4 underground lines used in providing electricity,
5 communication, gas, propane, oil delivery, oil product
6 delivery, sewage, water or other service; imposing duties
7 upon the providers of such service and persons and other
8 entities preparing drawings or performing excavation or
9 demolition work; and prescribing penalties," further
10 providing for definitions.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The definition of "line" or "facility" in section
14 1 of the act of December 10, 1974 (P.L.852, No.287), referred to
15 as the Underground Utility Line Protection Law, is amended to
16 read:

17 Section 1. The following words and phrases when used in this
18 act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless
19 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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21 "Line" or "facility" means an underground conductor or

1 underground pipe or structure used in providing electric or
2 communication service, or an underground pipe used in carrying,
3 gathering, transporting or providing natural or artificial gas,
4 petroleum, propane, oil or petroleum and production product,
5 sewage, water, steam or other service to one or more
6 transportation carriers, consumers or customers of such service
7 and the appurtenances thereto, regardless of whether such line
8 or structure is located on land owned by a person or public
9 agency or whether it is located within an easement or right-of-
10 way. The term shall include unexposed storm drainage and traffic
11 loops that are not clearly visible[. The term shall include],
12 unconventional oil and gas well production and gathering lines
13 or facilities and pipelines transporting steam located in public
14 rights-of-way. The term shall not include stripper well lines
15 unless the line or facility is a regulated onshore gathering
16 line as defined in regulations promulgated after January 1,
17 2006, by the United States Department of Transportation pursuant
18 to the Pipeline Safety Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-508, 49
19 U.S.C. § 60101 et seq.), if the regulated gathering line is
20 subject to the damage prevention program requirements of 49 CFR
21 § 192.614.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.