AN ACT CONCERNING MARKINGS MADE PURSUANT TO CALL BEFORE YOU DIG REQUIREMENTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) to adopt regulations requiring public utilities that designate or mark streets, sidewalks, or other surfaces in compliance with the state’s Call Before You Dig program (see BACKGROUND) to do so using a material that begins to fade within three months of making the marking.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Call Before You Dig

By law, anyone proposing to excavate, discharge explosives, or demolish a structure must notify the central clearinghouse operated by the public utilities (CGS §§ 16-348 & -349). The clearinghouse must immediately transmit information related to the project to public utilities whose facilities may be affected. Any public utility receiving such information must provide the person responsible for the project information on the utility’s underground facilities and mark their approximate location in accordance with PURA’s regulations (CGS § 16-351).

Public utilities subject to these requirements are owners or operators of underground facilities for furnishing electric, gas, telephone, communications, pipeline, sewage, water, community television antenna, steam, traffic signal, fire signal, or similar services, including municipal or other public owners or operators, but excluding owners of facilities solely serving the owner’s private residence (CGS § 16-345(3)).
COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea  22  Nay  2  (03/12/2019)