

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS  
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6455**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 206**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 3, 2025  
**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Protection of Underground Facilities.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Byrne  
**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **X DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that the following are exempt from the law governing demolitions and excavations in the area of underground facilities:

(1) Excavation that is performed:

- (A) only with a hand tool;
- (B) by a communications service provider; and
- (C) to a depth not greater than 12 inches;

for the purpose of connecting a communications service customer's home or business to the communications service provider's own communications network.

(2) Excavation performed using only high pressure air.

(3) Excavation performed solely by:

- (A) injecting water into soil; and
- (B) removing the resulting mixture of soil and water with a vacuum.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2026.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill will decrease the workload of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission's (IURC) Pipeline Safety Division for reviewing, inspecting, or penalizing excavations performed using a hand tool or by a communications service provider that does not require a depth greater than 12 inches to connect a customer's service to their communications network. Excavations using only pressurized air, injecting water into soil, or removing the mixture of soil and water with a vacuum are also exempt from inspection and review.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** IURC

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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