

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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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**
 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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