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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 3839

03/15/2018 Authored by Poston The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring certain utility facilities to be labeled with contact
1.3 information; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. 12.40 UTILITY FACILITY IDENTIFICATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7 the meanings given them.

1.8 (b) "Public right-of-way" has the meaning given in section 237.162, subdivision 3.

1.9 (c) "Utility facility" means a utility pole, transmission line tower, or other facility,
1.10 including any attendant cables, wires, or other equipment, that is designed to carry electricity
1.11 or an electrical signal.

1.12 (d) "Utility facility owner or operator" or "operator" means a utility as defined under
1.13 section 216E.01, subdivision 10, or a transmission company as defined under section
1.14 216B.02, subdivision 10, that owns or operates a utility facility.

1.15 Subd. 2. Facility identification; contact information. (a) A utility facility owner or
1.16 operator must clearly label each utility facility the operator owns or operates in Minnesota
1.17 that is located (1) within or immediately adjacent to a public right-of-way, or (2) near enough
1.18 to a public right-of-way that the utility facility might breach the public right-of-way in the
1.19 event the utility facility is partially or entirely knocked down.

1.20 (b) At a minimum, a utility facility identification label under this section must include
1.21 the facility owner or operator's name, telephone number, and other relevant contact
1.22 information to ensure an emergency responder is able to quickly identify and contact the

2.1 utility facility owner or operator for assistance in the event of an emergency or public
2.2 right-of-way incursion.

2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.4 final enactment. A utility facility owner or operator must label all utility facilities subject
2.5 to this section on or before January 1, 2020.