

## AN ACT

5.249 To amend sections 153.64, 1509.01, 1509.071, 1509.151, 1513.37, 3781.06, 3781.106, 3781.27, 5321.01, and 5321.19 and to enact sections ~~5.248~~ 4927.102, and 5321.20 of the Revised Code to address underground utility facilities affected by construction, to exempt mobile computing units from certain building regulation, to make changes relating to the Landlord and Tenant Law, to limit regulation of telecommunications, wireless, or internet protocol-enabled service providers, to revise the law governing the plugging of idle and orphaned wells, and to revise the use of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and to designate April as "Ohio Work Zone Safety Awareness Month."

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

5.249 SECTION 1. That sections 153.64, 1509.01, 1509.071, 1509.151, 1513.37, 3781.06, 3781.106, 3781.27, 5321.01, and 5321.19 be amended and sections ~~5.248~~ 4927.102, and 5321.20 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

5.249 ~~Sec. 5.248~~ The month of April is designated as "Ohio Work Zone Safety Awareness Month."

Sec. 153.64. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Public improvement" means any construction, reconstruction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, or repair of a building, highway, drainage system, water system, road, street, alley, sewer, ditch, sewage disposal plant, water works, and all other structures or works of any nature by a public authority.

(2) "Public authority" includes the following:

(a) The state, or a county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision;

(b) Any public agency, authority, board, commission, instrumentality, or special district of or in the state or a county, township, municipal corporation, school district, or other political subdivision;

(c) A designer as defined in section 3781.25 of the Revised Code who is acting on behalf of any entity described in division (A)(2)(a) or (b) of this section.

(3) "Underground utility facilities" includes any item buried or placed below ground or submerged under water for use in connection with the storage or conveyance of water or sewage; or electronic, telephonic, or telegraphic communications; electricity; petroleum products; manufactured, mixed, or natural gas; synthetic or liquified natural gas; propane gas; or other substances. "Underground utility facilities" includes, but is not limited to, all operational underground pipes, sewers, tubing, conduits, cables, valves, lines, wires, manholes, and attachments, whether owned by any public or private or profit or nonprofit person, firm, partnership, company, corporation, joint

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code. \*



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*Director, Legislative Service Commission.*

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the 24<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, A. D. 2022.



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*Secretary of State.*

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\*This certification has required my designation of the following in the left-hand margin as a proper code section number:

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Director, Legislative Service Commission

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24th day of JUNE, A. D. 2022  
*Paul J. Hone*  
Secretary of State

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Introduced by

Representative Cross  
Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Holmes, Fraizer, Carruthers, Edwards, Galonski, Ghanbari, Hillyer, John, Jones, Lanese, LaRe, Lightbody, Loychik, Miller, A., Miller, J., O'Brien, Patton, Riedel, Stephens, White  
Senators Brenner, Cirino, McColley, Peterson, Reincke, Schaffer

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March 2, 2022

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June 1, 2022

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Senate amendments,  
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