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House Bill 5230
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5230 AS INTRODUCED 12-7-93

Public Act 53 of 1974 requires that public utilities be notified when construction is to take place near underground utility facilities. The act also prescribes certain colors for physically marking the approximate location of an underground facility, depending on the utility and type of product. Thus, "safety red" is used to mark underground electric power distribution and transmission facilities, as well as municipal electric systems. "High visibility safety yellow" is used to mark gas or oil distribution and transmission facilities and dangerous materials or product lines. "Safety alert orange" is used to mark telephone and telegraph systems and police and fire communications, "safety precaution blue" to mark water systems, and "safety green" to mark sewer systems and storm drains. Underground cable television facilities are marked with "safety brown."

The bill would amend the act to change the color coding for cable television from "safety brown" to "safety alert orange" and the coding for sewer systems from "safety green" to "safety brown."

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