



## **S.F. No. 908 – Underground telecommunications installer requirements modifications**

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Section 1. (Amends 326B.198, subd. 2) **Installation Requirements.** Eliminates the requirement that at least two safety-qualified underground telecommunications installers be present during directional drilling. Eliminates the requirement that beginning July 1, 2025, that underground telecommunications infrastructure installations in the seven-county metro area be done by safety-qualified installers but retains the requirement on a statewide basis beginning January 1, 2026. Exempts installations on private property under 36 inches deep from the section's installation requirements.

Section 2. (Amends 326B.198, subd. 3) **Certification Standards.** Reduces the required initial training course requirements for certification as a safety-qualified underground telecommunications installer from 40 hours to 10 hours.

