



information to the person responsible for the excavation.

Proposed law adds this requirement when there is a notification of intent to perform normal commercial farming operations.

Present law requires that each person responsible for an excavation or demolition operation that results in damage to an underground facility or utility, perform certain actions immediately such as notification to certain persons, to minimize hazard, and comply with any other laws and regulations.

Proposed law adds this requirement to commercial farming operations that results in damage to an underground facility or utility.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 40:1749.12(7) and (12)-(18) and 1749.14(C)(1) (intro par) and 1749.17(B) (intro par); adds R.S. 40:1749.12(19))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Changes the term "normal farming operations" to "normal commercial farming operations".
3. Specifies in the definition of "normal commercial farming operations" that the depth of the excavation is less than 12 inches in the soil below the existing surface grade.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds commercial farming operations to present law provisions relative to regional notification centers and repair of damage caused by excavation or demolition.
2. Makes technical changes.