

**ACT No. 161**

2026 Regular Session  
HOUSE BILL NO. 464  
BY REPRESENTATIVES RISER AND KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.17(A), relative to mandatory reporting of damage to  
3 utilities; to provide for notification from excavators or demolishers; to provide for  
4 notification from the regional notification center; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1749.17(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:  
7 §1749.17. Excavation or demolition; repair of damage

8 A.(1) Each person responsible for any excavation or demolition operations  
9 which result in any damage to an underground facility or utility shall, immediately  
10 upon discovery of that damage, notify the owner or operator of the utility or facility  
11 and the regional notification center of the location and nature of the damage and shall  
12 allow the owner or operator reasonable time to accomplish necessary repairs before  
13 continuing the excavation, demolition, or back filling in the immediate area of  
14 damage.

15 (2) Upon receiving the notification outlined in Paragraph (1) of this  
16 Subsection, the regional notification center shall notify all owners and operators of  
17 the utilities or facilities that are in the area that may have been damaged.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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