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BILL NO.: HB 1330

TITLE: Underground Facilities Damage Prevention – Revision

SPONSOR: Delegate Davis

COMMITTEE: Economic Matters

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

DATE: February 27, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** House Bill 1330 – Underground Facilities Damage Prevention – Revision. This bill makes various changes to the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority, its composition and powers, and specifies related procedures for the ongoing protection of underground facilities.

HB 1330 contains a number of provisions to help better protect the vital facilities that Maryland residents rely on, including natural gas, cable, television, water, and sewer lines. Baltimore County believes the bill could be strengthened through the following amendments of relating to emergency tickets:

On page 15, in line 32, after “center;” insert “and, except for circumstances beyond an owner-member or contract locator’s control begin the locating process to mark their respective utility within 5 hours of the transmission of the ticket as noted in 12-121 (a) or clear the ticket if the facility owner has no facilities within the delineated excavation area.”

On page 16, strike lines 6 through 8 in their entirety.

These adjustments are also supported by the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on HB 1330. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.