



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 321

LCO No. 2022



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATION PROJECTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-353 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 Except as provided in section 16-350₂, this chapter shall not be
4 construed to affect or impair local ordinances, charters or other
5 provisions of law requiring permits to be obtained before excavating in
6 a public highway or to demolish structures on private property, nor
7 shall it be construed to grant to any person or public agency any rights
8 not specifically provided by this chapter. A permit from a public agency
9 shall not relieve any person from responsibility for complying with the
10 provisions of this chapter. The failure of any person who has been
11 granted a permit to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall not
12 be deemed to impose any liability upon the public agency issuing the
13 permit. No person who obtains a permit to excavate in a public highway
14 shall be required to maintain such excavation in an open state for any
15 period of time after the completion of the excavation work unless

16 required as a condition of such permit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	16-353

Statement of Purpose:

To specify that no person shall be required to keep an excavation site open for a period of time after the completion of work unless required as a condition of a permit.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]