
69th Legislature 2025 HB 122.1

| 1 | HOUSE BILL NO. 122 |
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| 2 | INTRODUCED BY L. BREWSTER |
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| 4 | A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING RIGHT-OF-WAY LAWS FOR UTILITY LINES AND |
| 5 | FACILITIES TO INCLUDE BROADBAND LINES AND NATURAL GAS PIPELINES; AND AMENDING |
| 6 | SECTION 69-4-101, MCA." |
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| 8 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: |
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| 10 | Section 1. Section 69-4-101, MCA, is amended to read: |
| 11 | "69-4-101. Use of public right-of-way for utility lines and facilities. A telegraph, telephone, electric |
| 12 | light, broadband, natural gas, or electric power line corporation or public body or any other person owning or |
| 13 | operating such a telegraph, telephone, electric light, broadband, or electric power line or natural gas pipeline is |
| 14 | hereby authorized to install its respective plants and appliances necessary for service and to supply and |
| 15 | distribute electricity and natural gas for lighting, heating, power, and other purposes and to that end, to |
| 16 | construct such the telegraph, telephone, electric light, broadband, or electric power lines or natural gas |
| 17 | $\underline{\text{pipelines}}, \text{ from point to point, along and } \underline{\text{upon-on}} \text{ any of the public roads, streets, and highways in the state}, \\ \underline{\text{by}}$ |
| 18 | the erection of necessary fixtures, including posts, piers, and abutments necessary for the wires <u>and pipelines</u> . |
| 19 | The same shall telegraph, telephone, electric light, broadband, or electric power lines or natural gas pipelines |
| 20 | <u>must</u> be <u>so</u> -constructed <u>so</u> as not to <u>incommode inconvenience</u> or endanger the public in the use of <u>said-the</u> |
| 21 | roads, streets, or highways, and nothing herein shall be so in this section may be construed as to restrict the |
| 22 | powers of city or town councils." |
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