



AN ACT REVISING RIGHT-OF-WAY LAWS FOR UTILITY LINES AND FACILITIES TO INCLUDE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES; AND AMENDING SECTION 69-4-101, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 69-4-101, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-4-101. Use of public right-of-way for utility lines and facilities. A telegraph, telephone, electric light, natural gas, or electric power line corporation or public body or any other person owning or operating ~~such~~ a telegraph, telephone, electric light, or electric power line or natural gas pipeline is hereby authorized to install its respective plants and appliances necessary for service and to supply and distribute electricity and natural gas for lighting, heating, power, and other purposes and ~~to that end, to construct such the~~ telegraph, telephone, electric light, or electric power lines or natural gas pipelines, from point to point, along and ~~upon~~ on any of the public roads, streets, and highways in the state, by the erection of necessary fixtures, including posts, piers, and abutments necessary for the wires and pipelines. The ~~same shall telegraph, telephone, electric light, or electric power lines or natural gas pipelines must~~ be ~~so~~ constructed so as not to ~~incommode~~ inconvenience or endanger the public in the use of ~~said the~~ roads, streets, or highways, and nothing herein shall be ~~so in this~~ section may be construed as to restrict the powers of city or town councils."

- END -

I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 122, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

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