

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **GOV. KASICH SIGNS UPDATED DAMAGE PREVENTION LAW**

*Provides enforcement mechanism for Ohio's damage prevention law*

**Youngstown, Ohio** —Ohio Gov. John Kasich has signed Senate Bill 378, providing Ohio's underground damage prevention law with a much needed enforcement mechanism.

Signed on December 19, 2014, the bill contains language that improves Ohio's current damage prevention law (ORC 3781.25-32 and 153.64). The new legislation, which will become effective January 1, 2016, is designed to increase public safety by providing accountability of all stakeholders. It is the result, in large part, of several years of hard work on the part of many industry stakeholders involved in the Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition.

It is important to understand that Ohio does not have a new damage prevention law, but rather an updated damage prevention law. Former Ohio Revised Code relating to damage prevention had been in effect since 1990 and was most recently updated in 2012. However, this enforcement piece is a necessary component that the statute has been lacking.

Visit [www.oups.org](http://www.oups.org) to view Senate Bill 378 and for more information about damage prevention.

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