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HB No. 357

Abstract: Requires guy wires on certain communication towers to be marked with certain markings.

Present law defines a "communication facility" as equipment enclosure, antenna, antenna support structure, and any associated facility used for the signal for a commercial communications purpose where the antenna or antenna support structure is not connected to a similar antenna or antenna support structure by an overhead wire used to transmit the signal. Present law further provides requirements for notice of construction of a communication facility.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a person who proposes to construct a communication facility that is at least 100 feet, but not more than 200 feet in height, which is located within a cultivated field or within 100 feet of a cultivated field, to mark the highest guy wire on the facility, if any, with two warning spheres each.

Proposed law deletes the height cap of the tower and requires a communication facility that is at least 100 feet in height above ground level, which is located in a cultivated field or within 1,000 feet (instead of 100 feet) of a cultivated field, to be marked as follows:

- (1) Two warning spheres attached to and evenly spaced on each of the outside guy wires.
- (2) Contrasting appearance with any surrounding vegetation in the area surrounding each point where a guy wire is anchored to the ground.
- (3) One or more seven-foot reflective safety sleeves placed at each anchor point and extending from the anchor point along each guy wire attached to the anchor point.

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(Amends R.S. 2:1004(B))