



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5308

LCO No. 527



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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require the Department
- 2 of Transportation to develop guidelines on managing vegetation and
- 3 removing trees along limited access highways which shall include a
- 4 requirement that such guidelines be reviewed and approved by a
- 5 licensed arborist, updated as needed, and posted on the department's
- 6 web site, (2) require said department to provide a copy of such
- 7 guidelines to the General Assembly's environment and transportation
- 8 committees, (3) exempt from such guidelines trees or vegetation or a
- 9 Department of Transportation construction project that poses an
- 10 immediate public hazard, and (4) require the Department of
- 11 Transportation to report annually, by May first, the amount of money
- 12 it has allocated for vegetation management for the remainder of the
- 13 calendar year to the General Assembly's environment and finance,
- 14 revenue and bonding committees.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the disclosure of certain information prior to the removal of trees along limited access highways.