



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5312

LCO No. 501



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WITHIN
UTILITY PROTECTION ZONES.**

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

- 1 That section 16-234 of the general statutes be amended to: (1)
2 Include a requirement that notice of any proposed pruning or
3 removing of any tree or shrub within a utility protection zone be
4 provided to the town tree warden and municipal authority charged
5 with oversight of the municipality tree canopy at least two weeks
6 before the proposed work is scheduled to commence, (2) require that
7 the utilities' subcontractor include a check box on door hangers that
8 notifies and gives residents the option of being present when approved
9 tree cutting work is being done within such zone that is located on
10 private property, (3) require that the utility or subcontractor leave a
11 notice at the resident's door with a status update of when approved
12 work on such private property is finished, (4) require the utility or
13 subcontractor to include a customer satisfaction survey on work done
14 that can be torn off and sent to the Public Utilities Regulatory
15 Authority, and (5) amend the process by which notification and
16 consent is given for utility tree trimming on private property as
17 follows: (A) Require notification to the town tree warden and town

18 designated tree arborist, if any, of the proposed work to be done, and
19 (B) allow the arborist to conduct an evaluation of the work to be done
20 if requested by the private property owner.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the notification requirements and process by which customers are informed and give consent for tree and shrub cutting work in utility protection zone property that is located on private property.