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SENATE BILL No. 183

DIGEST OF SB 183 (Updated April 7, 2025 4:42 pm - DI 151)

Citations Affected: IC 36-9.

Synopsis: Road intersection safety. Provides that a person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of land at an intersection of two county, municipal, or township roads that is not controlled by a traffic signal shall maintain a line of sight area at the intersection. Provides that the land contained within the line of sight area must not contain any: (1) grass, weeds, agricultural crops, bushes, shrubs, vines, plants, or any other vegetation; or (2) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of the property owner; that exceed a height of three feet. Requires a unit to provide written notice to the owner of record of the parcel of land if the unit determines there are obstructions in the line of sight area. Allows a unit to take corrective action to remove obstructions in the line of sight area.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

Crider, Charbonneau

(HOUSE SPONSORS — PRESSEL, LAWSON, ABBOTT)

January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

February 4, 2025, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 18, 2025, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

February 19, 2025, engrossed.

February 20, 2025, read third time, passed. Yeas 40, nays 9.

HOUSE ACTION

March 3, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

March 31, 2025, amended, reported — Do Pass.

April 7, 2025, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-9-44.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]:

4 **Chapter 44.3. Road Intersection Safety**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a parcel of land that is located at**
6 **an intersection of two (2) county, municipal, or township roads that**
7 **is not controlled by a traffic signal.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "right-of-way" means the twenty**
9 **(20) feet on each side of the centerline of a road.**

10 **Sec. 3. A person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of land**
11 **described in section 1 of this chapter shall maintain a line of sight**
12 **area that is free of obstructions as described in section 4(b) of this**
13 **chapter. The line of sight area is the right-of-way of each**
14 **intersecting road for a distance of fifty-five (55) feet from the**
15 **center point of the intersection.**

16 **Sec. 4. (a) This section does not apply to a structure erected**
17 **within a line of sight area before July 1, 2025, or critical**

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1 infrastructure (as defined in IC 1-1-16-3).

2 (b) The land contained within the line of sight area described in
3 section 3 of this chapter must not contain any:

4 (1) grass, weeds, agricultural crops, bushes, shrubs, vines,
5 plants, or any other vegetation, whether cultivated or
6 naturally growing; or

7 (2) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are
8 owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of the
9 property owner;

10 that exceed a height of three (3) feet.

11 Sec. 5. If a unit:

12 (1) receives information that a landowner or lessee is not
13 compliant with section 3 of this chapter and determines that
14 a landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 3 of this
15 chapter; or

16 (2) independently determines that a landowner or lessee is not
17 compliant with section 3 of this chapter;

18 the unit shall provide written notice by certified mail to the owner
19 of record of the real property at the last address of the owner as
20 indicated in the records of the county auditor of the noncompliance
21 not later than seven (7) days after the unit determines that the
22 landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 3 of this chapter.

23 Sec. 6. A unit must include the following information in a
24 written notice required under section 5 of this chapter:

25 (1) The address of the real property.

26 (2) The line of sight area requirement in section 3 of this
27 chapter.

28 (3) The obstructions in section 4 of this chapter that are
29 present on the real property.

30 (4) The actions the unit may take under section 7 of this
31 chapter.

32 Sec. 7. (a) If:

33 (1) a landowner or lessee fails to take action to comply with
34 section 3 of this chapter within seven (7) days after written
35 notice sent under section 5 of this chapter is delivered; or

36 (2) written notice sent under section 5 of this chapter is
37 returned to the unit as undeliverable;

38 the unit may take corrective action to remove any obstructions
39 described under section 4 of this chapter in the line of sight area
40 described in section 3 of this chapter.

41 (b) If a unit is required to take corrective action under
42 subsection (a) more than one (1) time per year for the same real



1 **property, the unit may assess the cost of the second and subsequent**
2 **corrective actions against the owner of record in an amount of not**
3 **more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per corrective action.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 183, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 1, delete "2025." and insert "**2025, or critical infrastructure (as defined in IC 1-1-16-3).**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 183 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

 SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senate Bill 183 be amended to read as follows:

Page 2, line 11, delete "feet;" and insert "**feet.**".

Page 2, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 4. If a unit:

(1) receives information that a landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 2 of this chapter; or

(2) determines that a landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 2 of this chapter;

the unit shall provide notice to the landowner or lessee of the noncompliance."

Page 2, line 17, delete "Sec. 4." and insert "**Sec. 5.**".

(Reference is to SB 183 as printed February 5, 2025.)

CRIDER



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Bill 183, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 5 through 16, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a parcel of land that is located at an intersection of two (2) county, municipal, or township roads that is not controlled by a traffic signal.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "right-of-way" means the twenty (20) feet on each side of the centerline of a road.

Sec. 3. A person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of land described in section 1 of this chapter shall maintain a line of sight area that is free of obstructions as described in section 4(b) of this chapter. The line of sight area shall consist at a minimum of the right-of-way of the roads comprising the intersection along both sides of a minimum of the fifty-five (55) feet of the roads in each direction from the center of the intersection."

Page 1, line 17, delete "3." and insert "4."

Page 2, line 1, delete "triangle" and insert "area".

Page 2, line 3, delete "triangle" and insert "area".

Page 2, line 4, delete "2" and insert "3".

Page 2, delete lines 5 through 11, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(1) grass, weeds, agricultural crops, bushes, shrubs, vines, plants, or any other vegetation, whether cultivated or naturally growing; or

(2) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of the property owner;

that exceed a height of three (3) feet."

Page 2, line 12, delete "triangle" and insert "area".

Page 2, line 12, delete "2" and insert "3".

Page 2, line 14, delete "triangle".

Page 2, line 17, delete "4." and insert "5."

Page 2, line 19, delete "2" and insert "3".

Page 2, line 19, delete ";" and insert **"and determines that a landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 3 of this chapter;"**.

Page 2, line 20, after "(2)" insert **"independently"**.

Page 2, line 21, delete "2" and insert "3".



Page 2, line 22, delete "notice to the landowner or lessee" and insert **"written notice by certified mail to the owner of record of the real property at the last address of the owner as indicated in the records of the county auditor"**.

Page 2, line 23, delete "." and insert **"not later than seven (7) days after the unit determines that the landowner or lessee is not compliant with section 3 of this chapter."**

Page 2, delete lines 24 through 28, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 6. A unit must include the following information in a written notice required under section 5 of this chapter:

- (1) The address of the real property.**
- (2) The line of sight area requirement in section 3 of this chapter.**
- (3) The obstructions in section 4 of this chapter that are present on the real property.**
- (4) The actions the unit may take under section 7 of this chapter.**

Sec. 7. (a) If:

- (1) a landowner or lessee fails to take action to comply with section 3 of this chapter within seven (7) days after written notice sent under section 5 of this chapter is delivered; or**
- (2) written notice sent under section 5 of this chapter is returned to the unit as undeliverable;**

the unit may take corrective action to remove any obstructions described under section 4 of this chapter in the line of sight area described in section 3 of this chapter.

(b) If a unit is required to take corrective action under subsection (a) more than one (1) time for the same real property, the unit may assess the cost of the second and subsequent corrective actions against the owner of record in an amount of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per corrective action."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 183 as reprinted February 19, 2025.)

PRESSEL

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.



HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 183 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete "shall consist at a minimum of the" and insert **"is the right-of-way of each intersecting road for a distance of fifty-five (55) feet from the center point of the intersection."**

Page 1, delete lines 14 through 16.

Page 2, delete lines 12 through 15.

Page 3, line 5, after "time" insert **"per year"**.

(Reference is to ESB 183 as printed March 31, 2025.)

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