

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 800

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Hucker” and substitute “Delegates Hucker and Manno”; and in line 4, after “circumstances,” insert “prohibiting a county or municipality from adopting a local law or ordinance that applies to the cutting or clearing of certain trees by public utilities under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 33, after “(D)” strike “A” and substitute “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A”; and strike beginning with “, WITH” in line 33 down through “APPROVAL,” in line 34.

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

“(E) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT ADOPT A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE FOR THE PLANTING, CARE, AND PROTECTION OF ROADSIDE TREES THAT APPLIES TO:

(1) THE CUTTING OR CLEARING OF PUBLIC UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR LAND FOR ELECTRIC GENERATING STATIONS LICENSED UNDER § 7-204, § 7-205, § 7-207, OR § 7-208 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE, PROVIDED THAT:

(I) ANY REQUIRED CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-1603(F) OF THIS TITLE; AND

(Over)

**(II) THE CUTTING OR CLEARING OF THE FOREST IS
CONDUCTED SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE LOSS OF FOREST;**

**(2) THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-
WAY; AND**

**(3) THE CUTTING OR CLEARING OF PUBLIC UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-
WAY OR LAND FOR NEW TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION LINES.”;**

in line 3, strike “(E)” and substitute “(F)”; and in the same line, strike “IS
AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT” and substitute “ADOPTS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike beginning with “**THE**” in line 3 down through “(F)” in line 5;
and in line 7, after “SECTION” insert “OR WHO FAILS TO OBTAIN A PERMIT AS
REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION”.