

HB 1942 -- Tree Maintenance by Electric Suppliers

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This bill allows electric suppliers to trim, remove, and control trees that threaten the safe and reliable operation of electrical service and vegetation. Permissible distances from power lines for removing trees are specified based on the voltage of the power line. Any tree that actually threatens the power supply may be trimmed or removed after a 14-day notice to the owner even if not within the recommended distance guidelines unless the electric supplier determines that removal of the tree is immediately necessary or the electric supplier is trimming or removing trees following a major weather event or other emergency situation. If any tree which is trimmed by an electric supplier dies within three months as a result of the trimming, the owner may request in writing that the electric supplier remove the tree at the supplier's expense. The electric supplier must respond to the request within 90 days.