

HB 811 -- Tree Maintenance by Electric Utilities

Sponsor: Schad

This bill allows public utilities, municipal utilities, and other electrical service providers to trim, remove, and control trees that threaten the safe and reliable operation of electrical service. Permissible distances from power lines for removing trees are specified based on the charge of the power lines. Any tree may be removed with the consent of the owner, and any tree that actually threatens the power supply may be removed after a one-week notice to the owner even if it falls outside the recommended distance guidelines.