DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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The attached draft allows municipalities, by ordinance or resolution, to require the department of transportation (DOT) to maintain grass and weeds at or below a specified height on land owned, occupied, or controlled by DOT that abuts a highway. The draft does not authorize municipalities to require DOT to maintain grass or weeds at a height of less than 12 inches. The draft also includes provisions allowing municipalities to charge DOT for the cost of cutting, trimming, or mowing grass and weeds if DOT neglects its obligations imposed by an ordinance or resolution.

The draft includes numerous details to effectuate implementation and administration of the provision. Please carefully review the draft to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to call.

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