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**Assembly Amendment (AA-ASA1-SB55)**

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**Topic:**

Allowing persons to trim or remove vegetation in highway right-of-way

**Instructions:**

See Attached

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# Budget Amendments 2001 - 2003

Prepared by the Assembly Republican Caucus

**Statement of Intent** Allow highway sign owners to trim or remove vegetation in highway right of ways.

<b>Legislator</b>	Ward	<b>Amendment</b>	13
<b>Legislator 2</b>		<b>Pass or Fail</b>	Pass
<b>Legislator 3</b>		<b>Spending Cut</b>	
<b>Legislator 4</b>		<b>Withdrawn</b>	
<b>Staff contact</b>	Char Rodriguez	<b>Package</b>	

**Agency** Transportation

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limitations and testing.

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b. The owner of the business and/or sign pays for the cost of the trimming/removal of the vegetation which is blocking the view of the business and/or sign.

c. If the vegetation has to be removed, the owner of the business and/or sign pays for the purchase and planting of comparable vegetation to be located along the same highway. The new planting cannot be located in such a way that the view of another business or sign is obstructed or will be obstructed within the foreseeable future.

The Department of Transportation must grant or deny a request for vegetation management along the highway right-of-way within 30 days of receipt of the permit application.

**Fiscal Impact** None.

**Drafting Inst**

**ARC Analyst** Jefferson

**Request #** 130



facility.

**Fiscal Impact:**

It is estimated that Department of Revenue would revert \$45,000 - \$100,000 a year to local governments that have railroad repair facility.

**Provision # 15, Vegetation Around Billboards**

**Statement of Intent:**

Allow highway sign owners to trim or remove vegetation in highway right of ways.

**Summary:**

This provision ensures that the owner of a business, on-premise sign, off-premise sign, directional sign, or nonconforming sign shall be granted permission to have vegetation trimmed or removed from a highway right-of-way if:

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**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Provision #16, Marquette Interchange Capacity Expansion**

**Statement of Intent:**

Requires DOT to plan for and include capacity expansion 20-30 years out as part of the Marquette Project, including the east-west corridor on I-94.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact in the 2001-2003 budget.

LPS - Fix  
request sheet

ARC

LRB:10067  
ARG:jld:cmh

6/29/1

seem stays

~~SDC.....Kackhaver - CN7025, Vegetation control along highway rights-of-way~~

FOR 2001-03 BUDGET — NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

~~SENATE~~ ASSEMBLY  
CAUCUS AMENDMENT

~~SENATE~~ ASSEMBLY  
TO SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

TO 2001 SENATE BILL 55

D-Note

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- 7 located in a highway right-of-way prevents the operator of a vehicle traveling on a
- 8 highway at the posted speed limit from viewing for 6 uninterrupted seconds a
- 9 business premises located adjacent to the highway right-of-way, a sign located on
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2 or s. 84.30 that is permitted to be located in or adjacent to the highway right-of-way,  
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9 vegetation, including the cost of purchasing and planting the replacement  
10 vegetation.

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13 provided that the person may not locate replacement vegetation in a manner that  
14 obstructs, or will obstruct in the foreseeable future, the view from the highway of  
15 another existing business or sign identified in this paragraph.

16 ~~3. No state funds are expended for the trimming, removal, or replacement of~~  
17 ~~vegetation under this paragraph.~~  
18 ~~4. With respect to a sign identified in this paragraph, the owner of the land on~~  
19 ~~which the sign is erected does not object to the trimming or removal of vegetation.~~

(END)

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2001-2002 DRAFTING INSERT  
FROM THE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ARG:.....

(c) The department shall issue permits to eligible applicants for the trimming or removal of vegetation located in a highway right-of-way under par. (b).<sup>✓</sup> Any permit issued under this paragraph shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance and shall specify the vegetation or the portion of the highway right-of-way to which the permit applies. The department shall grant or deny an application for a permit within 30 days of receipt of the application.

(d) The department shall promulgate rules establishing fees, eligibility criteria, and procedures to be used in issuing permits under this subsection, rules relating to the performance of trimming or removal of vegetation under this subsection, and any other rules necessary to administer this subsection."<sup>✓</sup>

Insert  
A

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRBb1294/1dn

ARG:.....

date

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jld

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Private persons can be expected to do their trimming of state-owned trees located in highway rights-of-way during the late spring and summer, when foliage is at its peak and views are most obstructed, and when trimming is most unhealthy for the trees. Do you want to require private persons to be responsible for compensation for disease or injury to trees or vegetation resulting from improper trimming or treatment?

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June 26, 2001

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**Gary, Aaron**

**From:** Jefferson, Mark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2001 11:34 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** FW: LRB Draft: 01b1294/1 Allowing persons to trim or remove vegetation in highway right-of-way

Here are the changes requested by Rep. Ward.  
Mark J.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rodriguez, Charlene  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2001 11:30 AM  
**To:** Jefferson, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: LRB Draft: 01b1294/1 Allowing persons to trim or remove vegetation in highway right-of-way

Mark:

There are changes needed in this draft.

Regarding the drafters note, first paragraph, the only thing needed is the 30 days. The DOT currently has the authority to issue permits but there isn't a guideline by when they have to do it. We do not want the DOT to promulgate rules to administer the permit process because they already have internal guidelines and manuals in place already.

Second paragraph. The amendment is intended to apply only to businesses located adjacent to the highway right of way, NOT to other businesses.

Third paragraph. We do not need details to make the vegetation program workable, because there are already details that exist internally within the department.

Fourth paragraph. Fine.

Fifth paragraph. We DO NOT want to require private persons to be responsible for compensation for disease or injury to trees or vegetation resulting from improper trimming or treatment. There are already DOT guidelines for this.

Items in the draft:

Page 2, line 4. after "the highway right-of-way" delete "or in any business advertised on a sign". We want "anyone who owns a sign" to be put in place of that language (whatever the legal jargon may be).

Page 2, lines 23 and 24. Delete these lines.

Page 3, lines 1 and 2. Delete these lines. The department already has existing guidelines.

Could you please send me a copy of the revised draft?

Thanks,

char

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jefferson, Mark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2001 10:38 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Charlene



State of Wisconsin  
2001 - 2002 LEGISLATURE

LRBb1294# 2  
ARG:jld:pg

ARC

RMR

ARC:.....Jefferson - AM13, Allowing persons to trim or remove vegetation in highway right-of-way

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TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,

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D-Note

Substitute amendment

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*D-Note*

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
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LRBb1294/2dn

ARG:.....

*date*

*Jld*

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LRB b1294

6/28/01 Telephone message from Mark Jefferson. Remove one year permit duration from draft.

ARG

ARC

RMK

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A-Note

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LRBb1294/3dn

ARG:..x:...

jld

date

ATTN: Mark Jefferson

In accordance with your redrafting instructions, the attached draft modifies LRBb1294/2 by removing language on p. 2, lines 19 and 20 of the "/2" draft that set a one-year duration for the permit.

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10 vegetation, including the cost of purchasing and planting the replacement  
11 vegetation.

12 3. If the person has removed vegetation, the person replaces the removed  
13 vegetation with comparable vegetation along the same highway right-of-way,  
14 provided that the person may not locate replacement vegetation in a manner that  
15 obstructs, or will obstruct in the foreseeable future, the view from the highway of  
16 another existing business or sign identified in this paragraph.

17 (c) The department shall issue permits to eligible applicants for the trimming  
18 or removal of vegetation located in a highway right-of-way under par. (b). Any  
19 permit issued under this paragraph shall specify the vegetation or the portion of the  
20 highway right-of-way to which the permit applies. The department shall grant or  
21 deny an application for a permit within 30 days of receipt of the application.”.

22 (END)