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CHAPTER 467.

AN ACT to repeal section 1814a and to create subsection 5 of section 1797—12e of the statutes, relating to the cutting of brush and trimming of trees at railroad highway crossings. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1814a of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 1797—12e of the statutes to read: (Section 1797—12e) 6. Every corporation owning or operating any railroad in the state of Wisconsin shall keep its right of way clear of brush or trees for a distance of not less than three hundred thirty feet in each direction from the intersection of the center line of its line of railroad at grade with the center line of any public highway, and for such further distance as is necessary to provide an adequate view of approaching trains from such highway. Every municipality shall keep the public highways within its jurisdiction clear of brush and shall adequately trim all trees within three hundred thirty feet of the center of any railroad highway grade crossing. Every person or corporation owning or occupying any land adjacent to any railroad highway grade crossing shall keep all brush cut and adequately trim all trees on said land within the triangles bounded on two sides by the railway and the highway, and on the third side by a line connecting points on the center lines of the railway and the highway, three hundred and thirty feet from the intersection of said center lines. The railroad commission, upon its own motion, or upon complaint by any person or corporation to the effect that any work required by this statute has not been performed, after due notice and hearing as provided in section 1797—12, may order the corporation, municipality or person at fault to perform said work; provided, however, that if the physical conditions at any crossing are such that the performance of the required work will not materially improve the view for highway traffic, or if unreasonable loss would be caused thereby, the commission may excuse the party in interest from performing the same. The railroad commission may also make such order for the cutting of brush and the trimming of trees at private farm crossings as may be necessary and reasonable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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