
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Provisions of the Bill

The bill expands county and township authority to trim trees and shrubbery as necessary to facilitate the right of the public to improvement and maintenance of public right-of-ways. In addition, as part of sidewalk improvement, counties and townships may repair or reconstruct driveways within the sidewalk easement.

Effects of the Bill

The provisions of the bill could reduce the time and cost required for maintaining trees and shrubbery located on private property that obstruct the public right-of-way. The minimal cost reduction could occur as a result of the fact that counties and townships would no longer have to compensate nor receive consent from abutting land owners before trimming trees or shrubbery that obstruct the public right-of-way.

Counties and townships could reduce time spent and realize minimal reduced cost when doing sidewalk improvements, since they will be permitted to repair and reconstruct driveways without having to get property owner permission.

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