

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HB 196:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding the maintenance of public roads, so as to require the
3 Department of Transportation to notify municipal authorities prior to the removal of trees in
4 certain instances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 general provisions regarding the maintenance of public roads, is amended by adding a new
10 Code section to read as follows:

11 "32-6-6.

12 The department shall notify a municipal governing authority prior to the department's
13 removal of trees along any portion of road along the state highway system in conjunction
14 with a road improvement or road maintenance project when such road lies within a
15 municipality that has a landscape or tree ordinance; provided, however, that this Code
16 section shall not apply to the removal of trees that constitute an existing hazard to the
17 traveling public."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.