

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

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

"32-6-6.

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

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.