
Introduced by Senator Peace

February 16, 1999

An act to add Section 8037.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 427, as introduced, Peace. Public utilities: electric lines: trees.

Existing law, except as specified, requires any person that owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line upon any mountainous, forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land, to maintain a clearance in all directions between all vegetation and all conductors that are carrying electric current, as prescribed.

This bill would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to consider the enactment of laws to deal with the public safety issue of trees and other vegetation growing into electric lines.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8037.5 is added to the Public
2 Utilities Code, to read:

1 8037.5. It is the intent of the Legislature to consider
2 the enactment of laws to deal with the public safety issue
3 of trees and other vegetation growing into electric lines.

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