

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to local government land development  
 3           regulation; creating s. 163.3206, F.S.; providing  
 4           legislative intent; providing that electrical substations  
 5           shall be considered a permissible use in all land use  
 6           categories and zoning districts; creating s. 163.3208,  
 7           F.S.; prohibiting a local government from requiring  
 8           permits or other approvals for vegetation management and  
 9           tree trimming within an established electric power line  
 10          right-of-way; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Section 163.3206, Florida Statutes, is created  
 15 to read:

16           163.3206 Electrical substations; permissible use.--

17           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to maintain,  
 18 encourage, and ensure adequate and reliable electrical  
 19 infrastructure in the state. It is essential that electrical  
 20 infrastructure be constructed and maintained in various  
 21 locations in order to ensure the efficient and reliable delivery  
 22 of electric service.

23           (2) Electrical substations are a critical component of  
 24 electric transmission and distribution. Reasonable setback,  
 25 landscaping, buffering, or screening standards for substations  
 26 may be enacted by local government; however, substations shall  
 27 be considered a permissible use in all land use categories and  
 28 zoning districts.

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29 Section 2. Section 163.3208, Florida Statutes, is created  
30 to read:

31 163.3208 Electric power line right-of-way  
32 maintenance.--After a right-of-way for any electric power line  
33 has been established, a local government shall not require any  
34 permits or other approvals for vegetation management and tree  
35 trimming within that established right-of-way. Upon request of  
36 the local government, the electric utility shall meet with the  
37 local government to discuss the utility's vegetation maintenance  
38 plan, including the utility's trimming specifications and  
39 management practices.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.