



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 896

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING TREE REMOVAL ON PROPERTIES UNDER
THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,
2 2024, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Energy and
3 Environmental Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with the
4 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
5 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
6 relating to the environment that details the Department of Energy and
7 Environmental Protection's tree removal activities in state parks and
8 forests for the previous calendar year. Such report shall include, but not
9 be limited to: (1) An identification of each state park and forest where
10 any tree removal project occurred during such previous calendar year,
11 (2) the total acreage for any such tree removal project, (3) an explanation
12 of whether such tree removal project consisted of the removal of already
13 fallen trees or the felling of trees, (4) the reasons for any such tree
14 removal project, (5) the total cost for any such tree removal project and
15 the source of funding for such project, (6) a description of any
16 emergency tree removal activities in any such state park or forest,
17 including, but not limited to, the circumstance that constituted such
18 emergency and the process utilized for making a determination of an

19 emergency, (7) a description of the removal of any tree or group of trees
20 that possessed unique characteristics, including, but not limited to, age,
21 caliper, species, canopy or aesthetics, (8) details of any replanting
22 activities undertaken or authorized by the department in any such state
23 park or forest, including, but not limited to, the total acreage of any such
24 replanting activities, the species and applicable caliper of trees or plants
25 used in any such replanting and the costs and source of funding for any
26 such replanting activities, and (9) a description of any planned or
27 anticipated tree removal project in any state park or forest for the
28 forthcoming calendar year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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