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Senate Bill 911 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Jud Gilbert, II  
Committee: Transportation

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Public Act 368 of 1925, which regulates encroachments and obstructions on highways and the use of highways by public utilities, to specify that the statute would not apply to the use of rights-of-way in the administration of the vegetation management program (proposed by Senate Bill 568) under the Highway Advertising Act.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 568, which would amend the Highway Advertising Act to do the following:

- Authorize the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to issue vegetation management permits to sign owners until 2009.
- Require an applicant for a vegetation management permit to submit a vegetation management plan, a \$50 application fee, and a tree replacement fee.
- Prescribe an annual \$50 compliance fee for trimming in connection with a renewal vegetation management permit.
- Prescribe a penalty for the unauthorized removal of vegetation.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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