

to the owner, any fence, building, or merchantable timber or such living trees as the owner may designate.

25. It shall be the duty of the State Department of Forestry to secure from the actual owner of each property involved, either by registered letter deposited in the United States mail directed to the last known address of such owner or by personal service, written permission for the annual clearing of such safety strips as prescribed in accordance with the provisions of Section 23 of this Article. In the event such owner cannot be so found it shall be the duty of the State Department of Forestry to publish a notice not later than the first day of September of each year at least once in two papers of general circulation in the county wherein such property or the major portion thereof lies, such notice to quote the provisions of this section. If such owner shall not file an objection to such clearing with the State Department of Forestry within fifteen days from the date of such publication, such owner shall be deemed to have given consent to such clearing and to such entry for the purpose of such clearing.

In the event permission for the annual clearing of such safety strips is refused or withheld, or if an objection to such clearing is filed with the State Department of Forestry within fifteen days after the mailing of such notice by registered letter or after the personal serving of such notice or after the publication of such notice in at least two papers of general circulation in the county wherein such property lies, the State Department of Forestry may, through any of its employees, serve upon such owner, in person or by registered letter a written order to clear such safety strip, within the time prescribed by Section 23 of this article, in such manner as shall be directed by the State Department of Forestry. Any such owner who shall fail to comply with such order within such time, shall be liable to the fine provided in Section 27 of this Article.

26. The State Department of Forestry and its authorized agents shall have the right to enter at their risk, and without liability for trespass, upon any railroad land or other lands for the purpose of ascertaining conditions relative to the enforcement of any of the provisions of Sections 23 to 30 of this Article, inclusive.

27. Any person, firm or corporation that shall fail to clear safety strips as prescribed in accordance with the terms of Section 23 of this Article, and any land owner who shall fail to