

Also laid-over Bill, with amendment, being

HOUSE BILL No. 515, BY MR. DELAPLAINE.

SUBJECT: FORESTRY—ROADSIDE TREES.

Amendment proposed by Committee on Roads and Highways: "Strike out all after the words 'A Bill' and insert in lieu thereof the following: 'Entitled an Act to repeal Section 8 of Chapter 824 of the Acts of 1914, codified as Section 15-H of Article 39-A of the third volume of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Forestry," sub-title "Roadside Trees," and to re-enact the same, with amendments.

'Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 8 of Chapter 824 of the Acts of 1914, codified as Section 15-H of Article 39-A of the third volume of the Annotated of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Forestry," sub-title "Roadside Trees," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

'Section 15-H. Any person or persons who may desire to cut down or trim any roadside tree shall make application to the State Board of Forestry for a permit, except in the two following cases: (1) that where trees are uprooted or branches of trees broken in such manner that they shall come in contact with telephone, telegraph, electric light or other wires carrying electric current, or where such trees or branches shall endanger persons or property, such trees or branches of trees, as the case may be, may be removed in such an emergency without first obtaining a permit from the State Board of Forestry; and (2) that trees standing within the right-of-way of unimproved public roads which have not been surfaced with either stone, shell, gravel, concrete, brick, asphalt or other improved surface, may be cut down and removed by the abutting landowner for his own use without first obtaining a permit. Any person or persons who shall cut down, trim, mutilate or in any manner injure any roadside tree, except as provided for in this section, without a permit from the State Board of Forestry or its duly authorized representative, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars or more than fifty dollars for each offense, which fine shall be payable to the State Board of Forestry for the purposes described in this Act.

'Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on the first day of June, 1916.'" [*Which was read and adopted.*] [*Which favorable report was adopted, which was read the second time.*]