

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1961

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TILLEY.

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 227.240, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to highways.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 227.240, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 227.240, to read as follows:

227.240. 1. The location and removal of all telephone, cable television, and electric light and power transmission lines, poles, wires, and conduits and all pipelines and tramways, erected or constructed, or hereafter to be erected or constructed by any corporation, association or persons, within the right-of-way of any state highway, insofar as the public travel and traffic is concerned, and insofar as the same may interfere with the construction or maintenance of any such highway, shall be under the control and supervision of the state highways and transportation commission.

2. A cable television corporation or company shall be permitted to place its lines within the right-of-way of any state highway, consistent with the rules and regulations of the state highways and transportation commission. The state highways and transportation commission shall establish a system for receiving and resolving complaints with respect to cable television lines placed in, or removed from, the right-of-way of a state highway.

[3. The commission or some officer selected by the commission shall serve a written notice upon the person or corporation owning or maintaining any such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines, or tramways, which notice shall contain a plan or chart indicating the places

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 on the right-of-way at which such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines or tramways may be  
17 maintained. The notice shall also state the time when the work of hard surfacing said roads is  
18 proposed to commence, and shall further state that a hearing shall be had upon the proposed plan  
19 of location and matters incidental thereto, giving the place and date of such hearing.  
20 Immediately after such hearing the said owner shall be given a notice of the findings and orders  
21 of the commission and shall be given a reasonable time thereafter to comply therewith; provided,  
22 however, that the effect of any change ordered by the commission shall not be to remove all or  
23 any part of such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines or tramways from the right-of-way of the  
24 highway. The removal of the same shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof  
25 unless otherwise provided by said commission, and in the event of the failure of such owners to  
26 remove the same at the time so determined they may be removed by the state highways and  
27 transportation commission, or under its direction, and the cost thereof collected from such  
28 owners, and such owners shall not be liable in any way to any person for the placing and  
29 maintaining of such lines, poles, wires, conduits, pipelines and tramways at the places prescribed  
30 by the commission.

31 4. The commission is authorized in the name of the state of Missouri to institute and  
32 maintain, through the attorney general, such suits and actions as may be necessary to enforce the  
33 provisions of this section. Any corporation, association or the officers or agents of such  
34 corporations or associations, or any other person who shall erect or maintain any such lines,  
35 poles, wires, conduits, pipelines or tramways, within the right-of-way of such roads which are  
36 hard-surfaced, which are not in accordance with such orders of the commission, shall be deemed  
37 guilty of a misdemeanor.]

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