

SENATE BILL 2312

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39;  
Title 66 and Title 68, relative to trees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, is amended by adding the following new chapter:

**66-37-101.**

(a) If an owner of real property, or a resident or occupant thereon, cuts, trims, prunes, or removes a tree on the real property that is more than thirty-six feet (36') in height, the person shall provide notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to each contiguous real property owner, or to a resident or occupant thereon who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, if the property line of the contiguous parcel of real property as measured from the base of the tree is located at a distance that is equal to or less than the height of the tree.

(b) Notice under subsection (a) may be given by telephone, mail, email, posting notice on the door, or another method that will adequately notify a neighbor of a person's intent to cut, trim, prune, or remove a tree.

(c) A person who cuts, trims, prunes, or removes a tree in accordance with this section shall remove all debris that falls on a contiguous parcel of real property within five (5) days.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.