

# SENATE BILL No. 183

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-9-44.3.

**Synopsis:** Rural intersection safety. Provides that a person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of agricultural land at an intersection of two county, municipal, or township roads that is not controlled by a traffic signal shall maintain a line of sight triangle at the intersection. Provides that the land contained within the line of sight triangle must not contain any: (1) crops that typically exceed a height of three feet; or (2) other: (A) vegetation; or (B) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of the property owner; that exceed a height of three feet. Provides that trees may be planted and maintained within the line of sight triangle area if all branches are trimmed to maintain a clear vision for a vertical height of six feet above the roadway surface. Provides that a person involved in an automobile accident resulting from the landowner's or lessee's failure to maintain the line of sight triangle has a cause of action against the landowner or lessee for damages resulting from the accident.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 36-9-44.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2025]:

4 **Chapter 44.3. Road Intersection Safety**  
5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a parcel of land that is:**  
6 **(1) used for agricultural purposes; and**  
7 **(2) located at an intersection of two (2) county, municipal, or**  
8 **township roads that is not controlled by a traffic signal.**

9 **Sec. 2. A person that owns or is the lessee of a parcel of land**  
10 **described in section 1 of this chapter shall maintain a line of sight**  
11 **triangle at the intersection with an unobstructed sight distance as**  
12 **described in this section. The line of sight triangle shall consist of**  
13 **the area formed at the intersection of the public roads, whose two**  
14 **(2) legs are each fifty-five (55) feet in length measured along the**  
15 **roadway centerline from the intersection of the roadway center**  
16 **lines and a hypotenuse connecting the two (2) legs.**

17 **Sec. 3. (a) This section does not apply to a structure erected**



1 within a line of sight triangle before July 1, 2025.

2 (b) The land contained within the line of sight triangle described  
3 in section 2 of this chapter must not contain any:

4 (1) crops that typically exceed a height of three (3) feet; or

5 (2) other:

6 (A) vegetation; or

7 (B) structures, signs, fences, walls, or obstructions that are  
8 owned or controlled by the property owner or a lessee of  
9 the property owner;

10 that exceed a height of three (3) feet;

11 (c) Trees within the line of sight triangle described in section 2  
12 of this chapter may be planted and maintained within the line of  
13 sight triangle area if all branches are trimmed to maintain a clear  
14 vision for a vertical height of six (6) feet above the roadway  
15 surface.

16 Sec. 4. A person involved in an automobile accident resulting  
17 from a landowner's or lessee's failure to maintain the line of sight  
18 triangle described in section 2 of this chapter in the manner  
19 prescribed in section 3 of this chapter has a cause of action against  
20 the landowner or lessee for damages resulting from the accident.

