

HOUSE BILL No. 1680

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-6-7.5.

Synopsis: Blocking emergency vehicles at railroad crossings. Prohibits a railroad corporation from permitting any train, railroad car, or engine to obstruct authorized emergency vehicle travel at a railroad-highway grade crossing by stopping for a period in excess of 10 minutes, except in certain instances. Provides that a violation of this provision is a Class C infraction.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 8-6-7.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful
3 for a railroad corporation to permit any train, railroad car, or engine to
4 obstruct ~~public~~ **an authorized emergency vehicle (as defined in**
5 **IC 9-13-2-6) travel** at a railroad-highway grade crossing **by stopping**
6 for a period in excess of ten (10) minutes, except where such train,
7 railroad car, or engine cannot be moved by reason of circumstances
8 over which the railroad corporation has no control.

9 SECTION 2. IC 8-6-7.5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2015,
10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. **(a) A railroad corporation that violates**
12 **section 1 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction. The**
13 **minimum judgment that may be entered for a Class C infraction**
14 **described in this subsection is five hundred dollars (\$500).**

15 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** A railroad corporation that violates **section 2** of this chapter
16 commits a Class C infraction. The minimum judgment that may be
17 entered for a Class C infraction ~~under~~ **described in this section**



1 **subsection** is two hundred dollars (\$200).
2 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** Notwithstanding IC 34-28-5-5(c), funds collected as
3 judgments for violations of this ~~section~~ **chapter** must be deposited in
4 the industrial rail service fund established by IC 8-3-1.7-2.

