

HOUSE BILL No. 2225

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning railroad grade crossing signal
2 obedience; requiring vehicle drivers to stop for on-track equipment at
3 railroad grade crossings; amending K.S.A. 8-1551 and repealing the
4 existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1551 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
8 1551. (a) Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad
9 grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this section, the
10 driver of such vehicle shall stop within ~~fifty (50)~~ 50 feet but not less than
11 ~~fifteen (15)~~ 15 feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not
12 proceed until ~~he or she~~ *such driver* can do so safely. The foregoing
13 requirements shall apply when:

14 (1) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives
15 warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train *or other on-track*
16 *equipment*;

17 (2) A crossing gate is lowered or when a human flagman gives or
18 continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train *or*
19 *other on-track equipment*;

20 (3) A railroad train *or other on-track equipment* approaching within
21 approximately ~~one thousand five hundred (1,500)~~ 1,500 feet of the
22 highway crossing emits a signal audible from such distance and such
23 railroad train *or other on-track equipment*, by reason of its speed or
24 nearness to such crossing, is an immediate hazard; or

25 (4) An approaching railroad train *or other on-track equipment* is
26 plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.

27 (b) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around or under any
28 crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is
29 closed or is being opened or closed.

30 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1551 is hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the statute book.