

SENATE BILL 92

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65,  
Chapter 11, Part 1, relative to the operation of  
railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 65-11-117.

(a) No person or governmental entity shall operate any train in such a manner as to prevent vehicular use of any roadway for more than fifteen (15) consecutive minutes unless:

(1) It is necessary to comply with signals affecting the safety of the movement of trains;

(2) It is necessary to avoid striking any object or person on the track;

(3) The train is disabled;

(4) The train is in motion, except while engaged in switching operations;

(5) There is no vehicular traffic waiting to use the crossings; or

(6) It is necessary to comply with a governmental safety rule or regulation.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.