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# H. R. 9248

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2024

Mr. DAVIDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Railroad Responsibility  
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT BLOCKING HIGHWAY-**  
7 **RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS.**

8 (a) GENERAL JURISDICTION OF SURFACE TRANS-  
9 PORTATION BOARD.—Section 10501(c)(3) of title 49,

1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3 “(C) STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT BLOCKING HIGH-  
4 WAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS.—Notwithstanding any  
5 other provision of law, this title does not preempt a State  
6 from the adoption or enactment of any law, regulation,  
7 order, or other requirement related to limiting the dura-  
8 tion that a railroad carrier may block a highway-rail grade  
9 crossing.”.

10 (b) PREEMPTION.—Section 20106(a) of title 49,  
11 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
12 following:

13 “(3) STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT BLOCKING HIGH-  
14 WAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSINGS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
16 provision of law, this title does not preempt a State  
17 from the adoption or enactment of any law, regula-  
18 tion, order, or other requirement related to limiting  
19 the duration that a railroad carrier may block a  
20 highway-rail grade crossing.

21 “(B) STATE DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the  
22 term ‘State’ means a State of the United States and  
23 the District of Columbia.”.

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