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**A132, R142, H3730**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Introduced in the Senate on April 29, 2021

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Governor's Action: April 11, 2022, Signed

Summary: Train signals

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/27/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20210127.docx))

1/27/2021 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h:\hj\20210127.docx))

4/22/2021 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 27](file:///h:\hj\20210422.docx))

4/28/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Murray

4/28/2021 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20210428.docx))

4/28/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20210428.docx))

4/28/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑117 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 42](file:///h:\hj\20210428.docx))

4/29/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h:\hj\20210429.docx))

4/29/2021 Scrivener's error corrected

4/29/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20210429.docx))

4/29/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20210429.docx))

3/17/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\sj\20220317.docx))

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3/23/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20220323.docx))

3/23/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20220323.docx))

3/23/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑45 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20220323.docx))

3/31/2022 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20220331.docx))

4/6/2022 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 170](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/6/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑113 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 170](file:///h:\hj\20220406.docx))

4/7/2022 Ratified R 142

4/11/2022 Signed By Governor

4/15/2022 Effective date 04/11/22

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(A132, R142, H3730)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2710, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OBEYING A SIGNAL THAT INDICATES AN APPROACHING TRAIN, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REQUIRE A DRIVER TO STOP A VEHICLE APPROACHING RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Required stops at railroad grade crossings**

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑2710(a) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(a) Whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this section the driver of the vehicle shall stop within fifty feet, but not less than fifteen feet, from the nearest rail of the railroad and shall not proceed until he can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:

(1) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train or other on‑track equipment.

(2) A crossing gate is lowered or when a flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train or other on‑track equipment.

(3) A railroad train or other on‑track equipment approaching within approximately one thousand, five hundred feet of the highway crossing emits a signal audible from such distance and the train, by reason of its speed or nearness to the crossing, is an immediate hazard.

(4) An approaching railroad train or other on‑track equipment is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 7th day of April, 2022.

Approved the 11th day of April, 2022.

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