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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 58‑15‑910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A BELL AND WHISTLE BE INSTALLED ON LOCOMOTIVES AND SOUNDED AT CROSSINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A LOCOMOTIVE MUST ALSO SOUND THIS BELL AND WHISTLE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE RAILROAD CROSSES A BRIDGE OR TRESTLE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58‑15‑910 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 58‑15‑910. A bell of at least thirty pounds’ weight and a steam or air whistle ~~shall~~ must be placed on each locomotive engine or interurban car and ~~such~~ this bell ~~shall~~ must be rung or ~~such~~ this whistle sounded by the engineer, fireman, or motorman at the distance of at least five hundred yards from the place where the railroad crosses ~~any~~ a bridge or trestle, public highway, street, or traveled place, and be kept ringing or whistling until the engine or interurban car has crossed ~~such~~ this bridge or trestle, highway, street, or traveled place. If ~~such~~ an engine or car ~~shall be~~ is at a standstill within less distance than one hundred rods of ~~such~~ the crossing ~~such~~, the bell ~~shall~~ must be rung or ~~such~~ the whistle must be sounded for at least thirty seconds before ~~such~~ the engine or interurban car ~~shall~~ may be moved and ~~shall~~ must be kept ringing or sounding until ~~such~~ the engine or interurban car ~~shall have~~ has crossed ~~such~~ the bridge or trestle, public highway or street or traveled place. A gong of not less than ten inches in diameter may be placed upon interurban cars in lieu of a bell as ~~herein~~ required and ~~shall~~ must be sounded as ~~herein~~ provided in this section.”

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

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