

## CHAPTER 78

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 2171]

## RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING—DUTY TO STOP—EXCEPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; and amending section 48, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 31, chapter 62, Laws of 1975 and RCW 46.61.350.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 48, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 31, chapter 62, Laws of 1975 and RCW 46.61.350 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The driver of any motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire, other than a passenger car, or of any school bus or private carrier bus carrying any school child(;) or other passenger, or of any vehicle carrying explosive substances or flammable liquids as a cargo or part of a cargo, before crossing at grade any track or tracks of a railroad, shall stop such vehicle within fifty feet but not less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail of such railroad and while so stopped shall listen and look in both directions along such track for any approaching train, and for signals indicating the approach of a train, except as hereinafter provided, and shall not proceed until he can do so safely. After stopping as required herein and upon proceeding when it is safe to do so the driver of any said vehicle shall cross only in such gear of the vehicle that there will be no necessity for changing gears while traversing such crossing, and the driver shall not shift gears while crossing the track or tracks.

(2) This section shall not apply at:

(a) Any railroad grade crossing at which traffic is controlled by a police officer or a duly authorized flagman;

(b) Any railroad grade crossing at which traffic is regulated by a traffic control signal;

(c) Any railroad grade crossing protected by crossing gates or an alternately flashing light signal intended to give warning of the approach of a railroad train;

(d) Any railroad grade crossing at which an official traffic control device as designated by the utilities and transportation commission pursuant to RCW 81.53-.060 gives notice that the stopping requirement imposed by this section does not apply.

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## CHAPTER 79

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2083]

## AUTOPSIES AND POST MORTEMS—CONSENT—CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS AND RECORDS

AN ACT Relating to autopsies and post mortems; amending section 11, chapter 188, Laws of 1953 and RCW 68.08.101; and amending section 9, chapter 188, Laws of 1953 and RCW 68.08.105.