
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1340 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BARRAR, BERNSTINE, CIRESI, DeLUCA, MURT, RYAN AND
GILLEN, APRIL 26, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 26, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for
3 railroad trains not to block crossings.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3713 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3713. Railroad trains not to block crossings.

9 (a) General rule.--No person or government agency shall
10 operate any train in such a manner as to prevent vehicular use
11 of any roadway for a period of time in excess of five
12 consecutive minutes except under any of the following
13 circumstances:

14 (1) When necessary to comply with signals affecting the
15 safety of the movement of trains.

16 (2) When necessary to avoid striking any object or
17 person on the track.

18 (3) When the train is disabled.

1 (4) When the train is in motion except while engaged in
2 switching operations.

3 (5) When there is no vehicular traffic waiting to use
4 the crossings.

5 (6) When necessary to comply with a governmental safety
6 regulation.

7 (b) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a
8 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
9 a fine of \$500.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.