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AN ACT

1 Requiring that flag protection be provided against following
2 trains occupying the same track.

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

5 Section 1. That all railroads operating in the Commonwealth
6 of Pennsylvania, within 30 days enactment hereof, promulgate
7 appropriate operating rules and special instructions for the
8 government of their respective employees so as to require that
9 flag protection be provided against following trains occupying
10 the same track, by a properly qualified flagman or trainman
11 using standard flagging equipment, for trains moving on main or
12 secondary tracks, under circumstances in which such trains may
13 be overtaken by following trains and for trains stopped under
14 circumstances in which they may be overtaken by following
15 trains, in manual block signal, automatic block signal,
16 centralized traffic control or locomotive cab signal
17 territories, except within the limits of interlocking plants, at
18 stations where passenger trains are making normal station stops,

1 within the limits of a classification or storage yard and manual
2 block territory protected by an absolute block.

3 When trains are operating under automatic block signal system
4 rules (locomotive cab signal or centralized traffic control
5 signal rule), the requirements of flagging, insofar as
6 protecting against following trains is concerned, will have been
7 complied with when full protection is afforded against trains
8 moving at restricted speed.

9 Section 2. The provisions of this act shall be enforced by
10 the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.