

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1186 Session of
1985

INTRODUCED BY PRATT AND COLAFELLA, MAY 13, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, MAY 13, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, requiring certain action when a
3 railroad crossing is to be closed for repair.

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

6 Section 1. The heading of section 2702 of Title 66 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is
8 amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 2702. Construction, relocation, suspension [and abolition],
10 abolition and repair of crossings.

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12 (h) Repairs.--Whenever a crossing is to be temporarily
13 closed for any amount of time due to repairs, the railroad shall
14 notify the Department of Transportation and local emergency
15 management, fire and municipal government officials. The notice
16 shall be in writing, shall be given at least 72 hours before
17 repairs are scheduled to begin and shall indicate when the
18 closing is to occur, the length of time it will last, the date

1 the crossing will be reopened to through traffic and the reason
2 for the closing. In the event that the closure of a railroad
3 crossing would eliminate all access to the highway and such
4 access is necessary for emergency purposes, the railroad
5 crossing shall not be totally closed, but shall remain partially
6 accessible to through traffic.

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