

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1076** Session of  
2004

INTRODUCED BY PUNT, MARCH 25, 2004

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 25, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for removal of vegetation and for  
3 installation of warning devices at railroad crossings.

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

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

8 § 3713.1. Railroads to remove vegetation at crossings.

9 A railroad is responsible for removal of vegetation which may  
10 interfere with a driver's ability to see an oncoming train. All  
11 vegetation higher than three feet must be removed for a distance  
12 of at least:

13 (1) 50 feet from each side of the road along both sides  
14 of the track to a depth of at least 15 feet from the nearest  
15 rail; or

16 (2) 15 feet from the nearest rail along both sides of  
17 the road to a depth of at least 15 feet from the side of the  
18 road.

1 § 3713.2. Railroads to erect crossbars and flashing lights.

2 A railroad shall erect either flashing lights or crossbars  
3 containing flashing lights at all vehicle crossings to warn  
4 automobile and truck drivers of an oncoming train.

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