

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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27, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for whistle post signage.

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

5 Section 1. Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
6 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 2710. Whistle post signage.

8 (a) Duty.--A public utility engaged in a railroad business
9 shall place whistle post signs to the right of the main track in
10 the direction of approach exactly one-quarter of a mile from the
11 entrance to crossings to notify engineers or operators of
12 locomotives who blow a whistle and ring a bell as the locomotive
13 approaches the crossing as a warning to the public.

14 (b) Signs.--The whistle post signs shall consist of a "W"
15 identifiable on a square plate mounted on a post and shall be:

16 (1) Visible to an engineer or operator of a locomotive
17 within the cabin or caboose car.

1 (2) Kept in good repair.

2 (3) Replaced promptly when necessary.

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