

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
MARCH 14, 2011

AN ACT

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

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

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

8 § 2710. Whistle post signage.

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

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

17 (1) Visible to an engineer or operator of a locomotive  
18 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.