



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. R. Hagan, Pillich

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires every railroad company that maintains railroad tracks within Ohio to install and maintain reflective banners on all hand-thrown switches and derails that connect with main track line in order to warn the operator of an approaching locomotive that a hand-thrown switch or derail is present.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires every railroad company that maintains railroad tracks within Ohio to install and maintain reflective banners on all hand-thrown switches and derails that connect with main track line. Each banner must be clearly visible from the operator's position on an approaching locomotive so the operator may be warned that a hand-thrown switch or derail is present.¹ The bill prohibits any railroad company that maintains railroad tracks within Ohio from failing to comply with this requirement.² A railroad company that violates this requirement is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for every reflective banner that is not properly installed or maintained on a hand-thrown switch or derail as required by the bill.³

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

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04-28-14

¹ R.C. 4955.50(A).

² R.C. 4955.50(B).

³ R.C. 4955.50(C). The organizational penalty for a minor misdemeanor is a maximum fine of \$1,000.