

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1251**

A bill to amend 1993 PA 354, entitled  
"Railroad code of 1993,"  
by amending sections 105, 109, 353, 357, 359, 361, and 365  
(MCL 462.105, 462.109, 462.353, 462.357, 462.359, 462.361, and  
462.365); and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 105. (1) "Active traffic control devices" means those  
2 traffic control devices located at or in advance of grade cross-  
3 ings, activated by the approach or presence of a train, such as  
4 flashing light signals, automatic gates and similar devices, man-  
5 ually operated devices, and a crossing watchperson, all of which  
6 display to operators of approaching vehicles positive warning of  
7 the approach or presence of a train.

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1           (2) "ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
2 105 OF THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL CODE, 1998 PA 58,  
3 MCL 436.1105.

4           (3) ~~—(2)—~~ "Bridge" means a structure including supports  
5 erected over a depression or an obstruction, such as water, a  
6 highway, or a railway, having a track or passageway for carrying  
7 traffic or other moving loads, and having an opening measured  
8 along the center of the roadway of more than 20 feet between  
9 undercopings of abutments or spring lines of arches, or extreme  
10 ends of openings for multiple boxes where the clear distance  
11 between openings is less than half of the smaller contiguous  
12 opening.

13           (4) ~~—(3)—~~ "Bridge carrying railroad traffic" means any  
14 bridge carrying a railroad track on which locomotives, railroad  
15 cars, or railroad maintenance machinery may be operated or  
16 moved. Bridge carrying railroad traffic includes unloading pits,  
17 turntables, and ferry aprons which meet the physical criteria for  
18 the definition of a bridge.

19           (5) ~~—(4)—~~ "Department" means the Michigan department of  
20 transportation.

21           (6) ~~—(5)—~~ "Diagnostic study team" means a group of knowl-  
22 edgeable individuals from the department, road authorities, rail-  
23 roads, and others who meet and, using crossing safety management  
24 principles, evaluate conditions at proposed or existing crossings  
25 and assist the department in making determinations concerning  
26 safety needs.

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1       (7) ~~—(6)—~~ "Flagger" means a person, other than a railroad  
2 employee, clearly visible to approaching traffic at all times,  
3 who controls highway traffic through work areas using a hand-held  
4 paddle sign during daylight hours and approved lights and reflec-  
5 torized paddle signs at night.

6       (8) ~~—(7)—~~ "Grade crossing" means the point at which any  
7 railroad intersects with any public street or highway, or a non-  
8 motorized trail.

9       (9) ~~—(8)—~~ "Grade separation" means an intersection of a  
10 railroad and a highway at different levels with either the rail-  
11 road above or below the highway.

12       Sec. 109. (1) "Railroad" means a person, partnership, asso-  
13 ciation, or corporation, their respective lessees, trustees, or  
14 receivers, appointed by a court, or other legal entity operating  
15 in this state either as a common carrier for hire or for private  
16 use as a carrier of persons or property upon cars operated upon  
17 stationary rails and includes any person, partnership, associa-  
18 tion, corporation, trustee, or receiver appointed by a court or  
19 any other legal entity owning railroad tracks.

20       (2) "Road authority" means a governmental agency having  
21 jurisdiction over public streets and highways. Road authority  
22 includes the department, any other state agency, and county,  
23 city, and village governmental agencies responsible for the con-  
24 struction, repair, and maintenance of streets and highways.

25       (3) "SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF A BODY FUNCTION" MEANS THAT TERM  
26 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 58C OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA  
27 300, MCL 257.58C.

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1       (4) ~~—(3)—~~ "Street railway" means an organization formed  
2 under the laws of this state for the purpose of operating a  
3 street railway system other than a railroad train for transport-  
4 ing persons or property. A street railway system is operated  
5 upon rails principally within a municipality utilizing street-  
6 cars, trolleys, and trams for the transportation of persons or  
7 property. Such organizations may accumulate, store, manufacture,  
8 conduct, use, sell, furnish, and supply electricity and electric  
9 power.

10       (5) ~~—(4)—~~ "Street railway system" means the facilities,  
11 equipment, and personnel required to provide and maintain a  
12 public transportation service.

13       (6) ~~—(5)—~~ "Traffic control device" means a sign, signal,  
14 marking, or other device placed on or adjacent to a street or  
15 highway by the road authority having jurisdiction over that  
16 street or highway to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.

17       (7) ~~—(6)—~~ "Watchperson" means a railroad employee who is  
18 stationed at an at-grade crossing to signal to operators of vehi-  
19 cles approaching the crossing of the impending movement of a  
20 train or other railroad on-track equipment over the crossing.

21       Sec. 353. (1) A person who is under the influence of  
22 ~~—intoxicating—~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor or a controlled substance, or a  
23 combination of ~~—intoxicating—~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor and a controlled  
24 substance, OR WHOSE ABILITY TO OPERATE A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE IS  
25 VISIBLY IMPAIRED DUE TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OR A  
26 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR BOTH shall not operate a locomotive  
27 engine upon the railroad tracks of this state. A peace officer

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1 may, without a warrant, arrest a person when the peace officer  
2 has ~~reasonable~~ PROBABLE cause to believe that the person, at  
3 the time of an accident, was the operator of a locomotive engine  
4 involved in the accident and was operating the locomotive engine  
5 upon the railroad tracks of this state while IMPAIRED BY OR under  
6 the influence of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor or a controlled  
7 substance, or a combination of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor  
8 and a controlled substance.

9 (2) A person ~~whose blood contains 0.10% or more by weight~~  
10 ~~of alcohol~~ WHO HAS AN ALCOHOL CONTENT OF 0.04 GRAMS OR MORE PER  
11 100 MILLILITERS OF BLOOD, PER 210 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67  
12 MILLILITERS OF URINE shall not operate a locomotive engine upon  
13 the railroad tracks of this state.

14 (3) Except as otherwise provided, a person who violates this  
15 section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment  
16 for not more than ~~90~~ 93 days, or a fine of not less than  
17 \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, or both, together with costs of  
18 the prosecution.

19 (4) A person who violates this section ~~or a local ordinance~~  
20 ~~substantially corresponding to subsection (1) or (2)~~ within 7  
21 years of a prior conviction may be sentenced to imprisonment for  
22 not more than 1 year, or a fine of not LESS THAN \$200.00 OR more  
23 than \$1,000.00, or both, together with costs of the prosecution.  
24 ~~For purposes of this section, "prior conviction" means a convic-~~  
25 ~~tion under this section, a local ordinance substantially corre-~~  
26 ~~sponding to subsection (1) or (2), or a law of another state~~  
27 ~~substantially corresponding to subsection (1) or (2).~~

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1       (5) A person who violates this section ~~or a local ordinance~~  
2 ~~substantially corresponding to subsection (1) or (2)~~ within 10  
3 years of 2 or more prior convictions ~~, as defined in subsection~~  
4 ~~(4)~~, is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not  
5 more than ~~4~~ 5 years, or a fine of not LESS THAN \$500.00 OR more  
6 than ~~\$2,000.00~~ \$5,000.00, or both, together with costs of the  
7 prosecution.

8       (6) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE IN VIOLATION  
9 OF SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) AND BY THE OPERATION OF THAT LOCOMOTIVE  
10 ENGINE CAUSES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY  
11 PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 15 YEARS OR A FINE  
12 OF NOT LESS THAN \$2,500.00 OR MORE THAN \$10,000.00, OR BOTH.

13       (7) A PERSON WHO OPERATES A LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE IN VIOLATION  
14 OF SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) AND BY THE OPERATION OF THAT LOCOMOTIVE  
15 ENGINE CAUSES A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF A BODY FUNCTION OF ANOTHER  
16 PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT  
17 MORE THAN 5 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000.00 OR MORE  
18 THAN \$5,000.00, OR BOTH.

19       (8) ~~(6)~~ As part of the sentence for a violation of this  
20 section, ~~or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to~~  
21 ~~subsection (1) or (2)~~, the court may order the person to perform  
22 service to the community, as designated by the court, without  
23 compensation, for a period not to exceed ~~12~~ 45 days. The  
24 person shall reimburse the state or appropriate local unit of  
25 government for the cost of insurance incurred by the state or  
26 local unit of government as a result of the person's activities  
27 under this subsection.

1       (9) ~~—(7)—~~ Before imposing sentence for a violation of this  
2 section, ~~or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to~~  
3 ~~subsection (1) or (2),~~ the court shall order the person to  
4 undergo screening and assessment by a person or agency designated  
5 by the office of substance abuse services, to determine whether  
6 the person is likely to benefit from rehabilitative services,  
7 including alcohol or drug education and alcohol or drug treatment  
8 programs. As part of the sentence, the court may order the  
9 person to participate in and successfully complete 1 or more  
10 appropriate rehabilitative programs. The person shall pay for  
11 the costs of the screening, assessment, and rehabilitative  
12 services.

13       (10) ~~—(8)—~~ Before accepting a plea of guilty under this sec-  
14 tion, the court shall advise the accused of the statutory conse-  
15 quences possible as the result of a plea of guilty in respect to  
16 the penalty imposed for violation of this section.

17       (11) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PRIOR CONVICTION" MEANS A  
18 CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION, A LOCAL ORDINANCE SUBSTANTIALLY  
19 CORRESPONDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OR (2), OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE OR THE  
20 UNITED STATES SUBSTANTIALLY CORRESPONDING TO SUBSECTION (1) OR (2).

21       Sec. 357. The owner of a locomotive engine or the person in  
22 charge or in control of a locomotive engine, or a person acting  
23 as a conductor of any train of cars, shall not KNOWINGLY autho-  
24 rize or knowingly permit the locomotive engine to be operated  
25 upon the railroad tracks of this state by a person who is  
26 IMPAIRED BY OR under the influence of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC  
27 liquor or a controlled substance, or a combination of

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1 ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor and a controlled substance OR WHO  
2 HAS AN ALCOHOL CONTENT OF 0.04 GRAMS OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITERS  
3 OF BLOOD, PER 210 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67 MILLILITERS OF  
4 URINE. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misde-  
5 meanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than ~~90~~ 93  
6 days, or a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00,  
7 or both, together with costs of the prosecution.

8 Sec. 359. (1) The amount of alcohol or presence of a con-  
9 trolled substance or both in the operator's blood at the time  
10 alleged as shown by chemical analysis of that person's blood,  
11 urine, or breath shall be admissible into evidence in a criminal  
12 prosecution for any of the following:

13 (a) A violation of section 353 ~~, 355,~~ or 357 ~~,~~ or of a  
14 local ordinance substantially corresponding to section 353(1) or  
15 (2) ~~, 355,~~ or 357.

16 (b) Manslaughter OR MURDER resulting from the operation of a  
17 locomotive engine while the operator is alleged to have been  
18 impaired by or under the influence of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC  
19 liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of  
20 ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor and a controlled substance, or to  
21 have had a blood alcohol content of ~~0.10% or more by weight of~~  
22 ~~alcohol~~ 0.04 GRAMS OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITERS OF BLOOD, PER 210  
23 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67 MILLILITERS OF URINE.

24 (2) If a test is given, the results of the test shall be  
25 made available to the person charged or the person's attorney  
26 upon written request to the prosecution, with a copy of the  
27 request filed with the court. The prosecution shall furnish the



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1 report at least 2 days before the day of the trial and the  
2 results shall be offered as evidence by the prosecution in ~~a~~  
3 ~~criminal proceeding~~ THAT TRIAL. Failure to fully comply with  
4 the request shall bar the admission of the results into evidence  
5 by the prosecution.

6 (3) Except in a prosecution relating solely to a violation  
7 of section 353(2), the amount of alcohol in the operator's blood  
8 at the time alleged as shown by chemical analysis of that  
9 person's blood, urine, or breath shall give rise to the following  
10 presumptions:

11 (a) If there was at the time ~~0.07% or less by weight of~~  
12 ~~alcohol in the person's blood~~ LESS THAN 0.04% GRAMS PER 100 MIL-  
13 LILITERS OF BLOOD, PER 210 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67 MILLILI-  
14 TERS OF URINE, it shall be presumed that the person was not  
15 IMPAIRED BY OR under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

16 ~~(b) If there was at the time in excess of 0.07% but less~~  
17 ~~than 0.10% by weight of alcohol in the person's blood, it shall~~  
18 ~~be presumed that the person's ability to operate a locomotive~~  
19 ~~engine was impaired within the provisions of section 355 due to~~  
20 ~~the consumption of intoxicating liquor.~~

21 (B) ~~(c)~~ If there was at the time ~~0.10% or more by weight~~  
22 ~~of alcohol in the person's blood~~ 0.04% GRAMS OR MORE PER 100  
23 MILLILITERS OF BLOOD, PER 210 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67 MILLI-  
24 LITERS OF URINE, it shall be presumed that the person was  
25 IMPAIRED BY OR under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

26 (4) A sample or specimen of urine or breath shall be taken  
27 and collected in a reasonable manner. Only a licensed physician,

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1 or ~~a licensed nurse or medical technician under the direction~~  
2 AN INDIVIDUAL OPERATING UNDER THE DELEGATION of a licensed physi-  
3 cian UNDER SECTION 16215 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, 1978 PA 368,  
4 MCL 333.16215, and qualified to withdraw blood acting in a medi-  
5 cal environment, at the request of a peace officer, may withdraw  
6 blood for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or  
7 presence of a controlled substance or both in the person's blood,  
8 as provided in this section. Liability for a crime or civil dam-  
9 ages predicated on the act of withdrawing OR ANALYZING blood and  
10 related procedures shall not attach to a ~~qualified person~~  
11 LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR INDIVIDUAL OPERATING UNDER THE DELEGATION  
12 OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN who withdraws blood OR ANALYZES BLOOD or  
13 assists in the withdrawal OR ANALYSIS in accordance with this  
14 section unless the withdrawal OR ANALYSIS is performed in a neg-  
15 ligent manner.

16 (5) The tests shall be administered at the request of a  
17 peace officer having probable cause to believe the person has  
18 committed a crime described in subsection (1). A person who  
19 takes a chemical test administered at the request of a peace  
20 officer, as provided in this section, shall be given a reasonable  
21 opportunity to have a person of his or her own choosing adminis-  
22 ter 1 of the chemical tests described in this section within a  
23 reasonable time after his or her detention. ~~—, and the~~ THE  
24 results of the test shall be admissible and shall be considered  
25 with other ~~competent~~ ADMISSIBLE evidence in determining the  
26 innocence or guilt of the defendant. If the person charged is  
27 administered a chemical test by a person of his or her own

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1 choosing, the person charged ~~shall be~~ IS responsible for  
2 obtaining a chemical analysis of the test sample. The person  
3 charged shall be informed that after taking a test administered  
4 at the request of a peace officer he or she has the right to  
5 demand that a person of his or her own choosing administer 1 of  
6 the tests provided for in subsection (1), that the results of the  
7 test shall be admissible and shall be considered with other  
8 ~~competent~~ ADMISSIBLE evidence in determining the innocence or  
9 guilt of the defendant, and that the person charged ~~shall be~~ IS  
10 responsible for obtaining a chemical analysis of the test  
11 sample.

12 (6) The person charged shall be advised that if the person  
13 refuses the request of a peace officer to take a test described  
14 in this section, a test shall not be given without a court order,  
15 BUT THE OFFICER MAY SEEK TO OBTAIN THE COURT ORDER.

16 (7) This section shall not be construed as limiting the  
17 introduction of any other competent evidence, including a video  
18 tape recording taken of, and with prior notice to the person,  
19 bearing upon the question of whether or not the person was  
20 impaired by or under the influence of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC  
21 liquor or a controlled substance, or a combination of  
22 ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor and a controlled substance, or  
23 whether the person had a blood alcohol content of ~~0.10% or more~~  
24 ~~by weight of alcohol~~ 0.04 GRAMS OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITERS OF  
25 BLOOD, PER 210 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67 MILLILITERS OF URINE.

26 (8) If a jury instruction regarding a defendant's refusal to  
27 submit to a chemical test under this section is requested by the

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1 prosecution or the defendant, the jury instruction shall be given  
2 as follows:

3 "Evidence was admitted in this case which, if believed by  
4 the jury, could prove that the defendant had exercised his or her  
5 right to refuse a chemical test. You are instructed that such a  
6 refusal is within the statutory rights of the defendant and is  
7 not evidence of his or her guilt. You are not to consider such a  
8 refusal in determining the guilt or innocence of the  
9 defendant.".

10 (9) If after an accident the operator of a locomotive engine  
11 involved in the accident is transported to a medical facility and  
12 a sample of the operator's blood is withdrawn at that time for  
13 the purpose of medical treatment, the result of a chemical analy-  
14 sis of that sample ~~shall be~~ IS admissible in ~~a criminal prose-~~  
15 ~~cution for a crime described in subsection (1)~~ ANY CRIMINAL  
16 PROCEEDING to show the amount of alcohol or presence of a con-  
17 trolled substance or both in the person's blood at the time  
18 alleged, regardless of whether the person had been offered or had  
19 refused a chemical test. The medical facility or person perform-  
20 ing the chemical analysis shall disclose the results of the anal-  
21 ysis to a prosecuting attorney who requests the results for use  
22 in a criminal prosecution as provided in this subsection. A med-  
23 ical facility or person disclosing information in compliance with  
24 this subsection ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ civilly or criminally liable  
25 for making the disclosure.

26 (10) If after an accident the operator of a locomotive  
27 engine involved in the accident is deceased, a sample of the

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1 decedent's blood shall be withdrawn by the medical examiner or  
2 attending personnel of the medical facility in a manner directed  
3 by the medical examiner for the purpose of determining ~~blood~~  
4 THE AMOUNT OF alcohol ~~content~~ or presence of a controlled sub-  
5 stance or both. The results of the blood testing shall be  
6 released to ~~the department of state police and medical examiner~~  
7 A PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR USE IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AS PRO-  
8 VIDED IN THIS SECTION. A medical facility disclosing information  
9 in compliance with this subsection ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ civilly or  
10 criminally liable for making the disclosure.

11 (11) THE OBTAINING OR ANALYSIS OF A PERSON'S BLOOD, BREATH,  
12 OR URINE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE PERFORMED IN A MANNER  
13 PROHIBITED BY THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES  
14 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

15 Sec. 361. (1) A person who operates a locomotive engine  
16 upon the railroad tracks of this state is considered to have  
17 given consent to chemical tests of his or her blood, breath, or  
18 urine for the purpose of determining the amount of alcohol or  
19 presence of a controlled substance or both in his or her blood  
20 if:

21 (a) The person is arrested for a violation of section 353  
22 ~~or 355~~ or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to sec-  
23 tion 353(1) or (2). ~~or 355.~~

24 (b) The person is arrested for MURDER OR manslaughter  
25 resulting from the operation of a locomotive engine, and the  
26 peace officer had probable cause to believe that the person was  
27 operating the locomotive engine while impaired by or under the

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1 influence of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor or a controlled  
2 substance or a combination of ~~intoxicating~~ ALCOHOLIC liquor and  
3 a controlled substance, or while having a blood alcohol content  
4 of ~~0.10% or more by weight of alcohol~~ 0.04 GRAMS OR MORE PER  
5 100 MILLILITERS OF BLOOD, PER 210 LITERS OF BREATH, OR PER 67  
6 MILLILITERS OF URINE.

7 (2) A person who is afflicted with hemophilia, diabetes, or  
8 a condition requiring the use of an anticoagulant under the  
9 direction of a physician shall not be considered to have given  
10 consent to the withdrawal of blood.

11 (3) The chemical tests shall be administered as provided in  
12 section 359.

13 Sec. 365. If a person is convicted of a violation of sec-  
14 tion 353 ~~or 355,~~ or of a local ordinance substantially corre-  
15 sponding to section 353(1) or (2), ~~or 355,~~ a report of the con-  
16 viction shall be forwarded by the court in which the conviction  
17 occurred to the United States department of transportation. The  
18 form of the report shall be prescribed and furnished by the  
19 department of state police.

20 Enacting section 1. Section 355 of the railroad code of  
21 1993, 1993 PA 354, MCL 462.355, is repealed.