
HOUSE BILL 2789

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1 AN ACT Relating to railroads; amending RCW 81.48.010; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 81.48 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.48 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Any county with a population of two hundred ten thousand or more
7 that does not adjoin a county with a population of one hundred twenty-
8 five thousand or more may adopt ordinances that restrict the ringing of
9 bells or sounding of whistles on locomotives where a railway crosses a
10 traveled road or street on the same level outside a city if automatic
11 grade crossing signals or gates are in place.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 81.48.010 and 1961 c 14 s 81.48.010 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

1 Every engineer driving a locomotive on any railway who (~~shall~~
2 ~~fail~~) fails to ring the bell or sound the whistle upon (~~such~~) the
3 locomotive, or cause the same to be rung or sounded, at least eighty
4 rods from any place where (~~such~~) the railway crosses a traveled road
5 or street on the same level (except in cities or in counties that enact
6 ordinances under section 1 of this act), or to continue the ringing of
7 (~~such~~) the bell or sounding of (~~such~~) the whistle until (~~such~~)
8 the locomotive (~~shall have~~) has crossed (~~such~~) the road or street,
9 (~~shall be~~) is guilty of a misdemeanor.