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RAIL SAFETY ENFORCEMENT AND REVIEW ACT

An Act to authorize activities under the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 for fiscal years 1992 through 1994, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

<< 45 USCA § 431 >>

SEC. 10. LOCOMOTIVE CRASHWORTHINESS AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

Section 202 of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (45 U.S.C. 431), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(t) LOCOMOTIVE CRASHWORTHINESS AND WORKING CONDITIONS.--(1) The Secretary shall, within 30 months after the date of enactment of this subsection, complete a rulemaking proceeding to consider prescribing regulations to improve the safety and working conditions of locomotive cabs. Such proceeding shall assess--

"(A) the adequacy of Locomotive Crashworthiness Requirements Standard S-580, or any successor standard thereto, adopted by the Association of American Railroads in 1989, in improving the safety of locomotive cabs; and

"(B) the extent to which environmental, sanitary, and other working conditions in locomotive cabs affect productivity, health, and the safe operation of locomotives.

"(2) In support of the proceeding required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall conduct research and analysis, including computer modeling and full-scale crash testing, as appropriate, to consider--

"(A) the costs and benefits associated with equipping locomotives with--

"(i) braced collision posts;

"(ii) rollover protection devices;

"(iii) deflection plates;

"(iv) shatterproof windows;

"(v) readily accessible crash refuges;

"(vi) uniform sill heights;

"(vii) anticlimbers, or other equipment designed to prevent overrides resulting from head-on locomotive collisions;

"(viii) equipment to deter post-collision entry of flammable liquids into locomotive cabs;

"(ix) any other devices intended to provide crash protection for occupants of locomotive cabs; and

"(x) functioning and regularly maintained sanitary facilities; and

"(B) the effects on train crews of the presence of asbestos in locomotive components.

"(3) If on the basis of the proceeding required under paragraph (1) the Secretary determines not to prescribe regulations, the Secretary shall report to Congress on the reasons for that determination".