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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 § 421 NOTE >>

SEC. 11. RAILROAD RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) SAFETY INQUIRY.--The Secretary shall, within 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act and in consultation with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, freight and commuter railroads, rail equipment manufacturers, and railroad employees, conduct a safety inquiry regarding the Department of Transportation's railroad radio standards and procedures. At a minimum, such inquiry shall include assessment of--

(1) the advantages and disadvantages of requiring that every locomotive (and every caboose, where applicable) be equipped with a railroad voice communications system capable of permitting a person in the locomotive (or caboose) to engage in clear two-way communications with persons on following and leading trains and with train dispatchers

located at railroad stations;

(2) a requirement that replacement radios be made available at intermediate terminals;

(3) the effectiveness of radios in ensuring timely emergency response;

(4) the effect of interference and other disruptions of radio communications on safe railroad operation;

(5) how advanced communications technologies such as digital radio can be implemented to best enhance the safety of railroad operations;

(6) the status of advanced train control systems that are being developed, and the implications of such systems for effective railroad communications; and

(7) the need for minimum Federal standards to ensure that such systems provide for positive train separation and are compatible nationwide.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.--The Secretary shall submit to Congress within 4 months after the completion of such inquiry a report on the results of the inquiry along with an identification of appropriate regulatory action and specific plans for taking such action.

<< 45 USCA § 444 >>