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An Act to amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 and for other purposes.

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

SEC. 19. MAINTENANCE-OF-WAY OPERATIONS.

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

"(n) The Secretary shall, within one year after the date of the enactment of this subsection, issue such rules, regulations, orders, and standards as may be necessary for the safety of maintenance-of- way employees, including standards for bridge safety equipment, such as nets, walkways, handrails, and safety lines, and requirements relating to instances when boats shall be used."

(b)(1) Section 2 of the Act of March 4, 1907, commonly referred to as the Hours of Service Act (45 U.S.C. 62), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) As used in section 2(a)(3) of this Act, the term `employees' shall include an individual employed for the purpose of maintaining the right-of-way of any railroad."

(2) As it applies to interruptions caused by noise under section 2(a)(3) of such Act, the amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) The Secretary shall, within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, amend part 218 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to apply blue signal protection to on-track vehicles where rest is provided.

45 USC 543 note.