Part 12
Railroad Trains, Railroad Grade Crossings, and Safety Zones

41-6a-1201 Driving on tracks.
(1) The operator of a vehicle proceeding on any track in front of a railroad train on a highway shall remove the vehicle from the track as soon as practicable after signal from the operator of the train.
(2) When a railroad train has started to cross an intersection, an operator of a vehicle may not drive:
   (a) on or across the tracks; or
   (b) in the path of the train within the intersection in front of the train.
(3) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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41-6a-1202 Driving through safety zone.
(1) The operator of a vehicle may not drive through or within a safety zone.
(2) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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41-6a-1203 Railroad grade crossing -- Duty to stop -- Malfunctions and school buses -- Driving through, around, or under gate or barrier prohibited.
(1) As used in this section, "active railroad grade crossing" has the same meaning as defined in Section 41-6a-1005.
(2) Whenever a person operating a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing, the operator of the vehicle shall stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail of the railroad track and may not proceed if:
   (a) a clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train;
   (b) a crossing gate is lowered, or when a human flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a train;
   (c) a railroad train approaching within approximately 1,500 feet of the highway crossing emits a signal audible and the train by reason of its speed or nearness to the crossing is an immediate hazard;
   (d) an approaching train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing; or
   (e) there is any other condition that makes it unsafe to proceed through the crossing.
(3)
   (a) An operator of a vehicle who suspects a false activation or malfunction of a railroad grade crossing signal device where there is no gate or barrier may drive a vehicle through the railroad grade crossing after stopping if:
      (i) the operator of a vehicle has a clear line of sight of at least one mile of the railroad tracks in all directions;
      (ii) there is no evidence of an approaching train;
      (iii) the vehicle can cross over the tracks safely; and
      (iv) the operator of a school bus is compliant with written district policy.
(b) As soon as is reasonably possible, the operator of a school bus shall notify the driver's
dispatcher and the dispatcher shall notify the owner of the railroad track where the grade
crossing signal device is located of the false activation or malfunction.

(4)
(a) A person may not drive a vehicle through, around, or under a crossing gate or barrier at a
railroad grade crossing if the railroad grade crossing is active.
(b) A person may not cause a non-rail vehicle, whether or not occupied, to pass through, around,
over, or under or remain on a gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing if the railroad grade
crossing is active.
(c) A person may not cause a non-rail vehicle, whether or not occupied, to pass around, through,
over, or under or remain in a rail or fixed guideway right-of-way in a manner that would cause
a railroad train or other rail vehicle to make contact with the non-rail vehicle.

(5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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41-6a-1204 Trains -- Interference with vehicles limited.
(1) A person or government agency may not operate a train in a manner to prevent vehicular use
of a roadway for a period of time in excess of five consecutive minutes except:
(a) when necessary to comply with signals affecting the safety of the movement of trains;
(b) when necessary to avoid striking any object or person on the track;
(c) when the train is disabled;
(d) when the train is in motion or while engaged in switching operations;
(e) when there is no vehicular traffic waiting to use the crossing;
(f) when necessary to comply with a governmental safety regulation; or
(g) as determined by a highway authority.
(2) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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41-6a-1205 Railroad grade crossings -- Certain vehicles must stop -- Exceptions -- Rules.
(1) An operator of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined under Section 53-3-102, shall upon
approaching a railroad grade crossing:
(a) unless Subsection (2) applies, slow down and check that the tracks are clear of an
approaching train;
(b) stop within 50 feet, but not closer than 15 feet, from the nearest rail of the railroad track
before reaching the crossing if the tracks are not clear;
(c) obey all traffic control devices or the directions of a peace officer, or other crossing official at
the crossing; and
(d) before proceeding over a railroad grade crossing:
   (i) ensure that the vehicle has sufficient space to drive completely through a railroad grade
crossing without stopping; and
   (ii) ensure that the vehicle has sufficient undercarriage clearance to safely and completely pass
through the crossing.
(2)
(a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the operator of a vehicle described in 49 CFR 392.10
shall stop within 50 feet, but not closer than 15 feet, from the nearest rail of the railroad track
before crossing, at grade, any track of a railroad.
(b) While stopped, the operator shall look in both directions along the track for any sign of an approaching train and look and listen for signals indicating the approach of any train.

(c) The operator may proceed across the railroad track only when the movement may be made with reasonable safety.

(d) After stopping as required and upon safely proceeding, the operator shall only cross the railroad track in a gear that ensures no necessity for manually changing gears while traversing the crossing.

(e) The operator may not manually shift gears while crossing the railroad track.

(3) This section does not apply at a:
   (a) railroad grade crossing where traffic is controlled by a peace officer or other crossing official;
   (b) railroad grade crossing where traffic is regulated by a traffic-control signal;
   (c) railroad grade crossing where a traffic-control device gives notice that the stopping requirements of this section are not applicable; or
   (d) other railroad grade crossings excluded under 49 CFR 392.10.

(4) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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41-6a-1206 Railroad crossing duties respecting crawler type tractor, power shovel, derrick, or other equipment or structure.

(1) A person may not operate or move the following on or across any tracks at a railroad grade crossing without first complying with this section:
   (a) a crawler type tractor;
   (b) a power shovel;
   (c) a derrick;
   (d) a roller; or
   (e) any equipment or structure having:
      (i) normal operating speed of 10 or less miles per hour; or
      (ii) a vertical body or load clearance of less than:
        (A) 1/2 inch per foot of the distance between any two adjacent axles; or
        (B) in any event, nine inches measured above the level surface of a roadway.

(2) Notice of an intended crossing under this section shall be given to the railroad and a reasonable time shall be given to the railroad to provide proper protection at the crossing.

(3) (a) Before making a crossing under this section the person operating or moving the vehicle or equipment shall first stop within 50 feet but not closer than 15 feet from the nearest rail of the railway.

   (b) While stopped, the operator of the vehicle shall listen and look in both directions along the track for any approaching train and for signals indicating the approach of a railroad train.

   (c) The operator may proceed across the track only when the crossing can be made safely.

(4) The operator of a vehicle shall obey all traffic control devices or the directions of a peace officer or other crossing official at the crossing.

(5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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