

(Senate Bill 730)

AN ACT concerning

Railroad Safety and Health

FOR the purpose of providing for the inspection and regulation of safety and health conditions relating to railroad operations in the State; providing for the transfer to the Division of Labor and Industry of functions, personnel, and enforcement under certain laws; empowering the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to administer and enforce provisions as to railroad safety and health, to prescribe rules and regulations, to inspect railroad facilities and equipment, to issue citations for violations, to accept federal grants, and to order the cessation of operation of any railroad not in compliance with certain provisions; defining terms; providing for civil and criminal penalties; and relating generally to safety and health conditions in railroad operations.

BY adding to

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry  
Section 82 through 98 99, inclusive, to be under the  
new subtitle "Railroad Safety and Health"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 89 - Division of Labor and Industry

RAILROAD SAFETY AND HEALTH

82.

~~{A}--THE-GENERAL-ASSEMBLY-OF-MARYLAND--FINDS--THAT--THE OPERATION---OF---UNSAFE---AND--DEFECTIVE--RAILROADS--IMPOSES SUBSTANTIAL-PROBABILITY-OF-SERIOUS-AND-PREVENTABLE--INJURIES AND--DAMAGES--TO--PERSONS-AND-PROPERTY-EXPOSED-TO-THE-UNSAFE CONDITIONS,--AND--THE--PREVENTION--OF--THESE--INJURIES---AND PROTECTION--FROM-EXPOSURE-TO-THE-UNSAFE-CONDITIONS-IS-IN-THE BEST-INTEREST-AND-WELFARE-OF-THE-PEOPLE-OF-THE-STATE,--AND~~

{B} IT IS THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND HEALTH IN ALL AREAS OF RAILROAD OPERATIONS, TO REDUCE RAILROAD RELATED ACCIDENTS, TO REDUCE DEATHS AND INJURIES TO ALL PERSONS, TO REDUCE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS INVOLVING RAILROADS, AND TO ASSURE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN THE OPERATION OF RAILROADS IN THE STATE, THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF ALL PERSONS AND THE

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