

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 2, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the railroad law, in relation to the use of locomotive horns at private highway-rail grade crossings; and to repeal section 53-b of such law relating to ringing bells and blowing whistles at crossings

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 53-b of the railroad law is REPEALED and a new
2 section 53-b is added to read as follows:

3 § 53-b. Use of locomotive horns at crossings. Unless otherwise
4 required by federal law or regulation, at a private highway-rail grade
5 crossing, a locomotive engineer may sound the locomotive horn to provide
6 a warning to animals, vehicle operators, pedestrians, trespassers or
7 crews on other trains in an emergency situation if, in the locomotive
8 engineer's sole judgment, such action is appropriate in order to prevent
9 imminent injury, death, or property damage.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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