HB 2181 -- RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS

SPONSOR: Phillips

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill includes "non-track equipment" in the traffic regulations concerning the requirement to stop for trains at railroad crossings.

This bill is the same as HB 397 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill includes large and dangerous railroad equipment in the requirements for train crossing practices in order to prevent accidents at railroad crossings.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Phillips; Richard Taylor, BMWE-IBT; Sheet Metal Air Rail & Transportation Union; and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.