

CHAPTER 480

H.B. No. 1656

AN ACT

relating to enhanced pavement marking visibility at certain railroad grade crossings.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

- (1) "Department" means the Texas Department of Transportation.
- (2) "Grade crossing" and "retroreflectorized material" have the meanings assigned by Section 1, Chapter 269, Acts of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989 (Article 6370b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).
- (3) "Pavement markings" means markings applied or attached to the surface of a roadway for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.

(4) "Stop bar" means the marking that is applied or attached to the surface of a roadway on either side of a grade crossing and that indicates that a vehicle must stop at the grade crossing.

SECTION 2. IMPROVED PAVEMENT MARKINGS AT CERTAIN GRADE CROSSINGS. A county or municipality shall use standards developed by the department in applying pavement markings or a stop bar at a grade crossing if the cost of the markings or stop bar is paid either entirely or partly from state or federal funds. In developing its standards, the department shall follow the standards in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices issued by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and, where appropriate, require the use of retroreflectorized materials.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 9, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.