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7 An Act relating to rights of way; defining term;  
8 designating certain roads as critical emergency  
9 routes; allowing political subdivisions to designate  
10 critical emergency routes; creating misdemeanor  
11 offense; establishing punishment for certain offense;  
12 prohibiting certain acts by operators of trains;  
13 requiring certain notification by operators of  
14 trains; providing penalty and penalty amount;  
15 providing for codification; providing an effective  
16 date; and declaring an emergency.

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1           2. Any political subdivision of this state may, by ordinance,  
2 designate a road maintained by the county or municipality as a  
3 critical emergency route if that road meets the definition of a  
4 critical emergency route as provided in subsection A of this  
5 section.

6           C. Any person who shall willfully or knowingly obstruct or  
7 damage a road designated as a critical emergency route shall, upon  
8 conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to  
9 exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

10           D. 1. Railroads or other persons, firms, or corporations  
11 operating over tracks within this state shall not block vehicle  
12 traffic at a railroad intersection with a road designated as a  
13 critical emergency route for any amount of time.

14           2. If a train is stopped for an emergency condition including  
15 an accident, derailment, critical mechanical failure, track or  
16 bridge washout, storm, flood, or other emergency situation, and  
17 blocks vehicle traffic at a railroad intersection with a road  
18 designated as a critical emergency route, the railroad or other  
19 person, firm, or corporation operating the train shall immediately  
20 notify the Department of Public Safety of the emergency condition  
21 and identify the intersection or intersections affected. The  
22 Department of Public Safety shall then notify the county sheriff or  
23 municipal police department in whose jurisdiction the affected  
24 intersection is located.

1           3. The Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to  
2 issue a citation to any person, firm, or corporation that violates  
3 the provisions of this subsection. Such person, firm, or  
4 corporation shall be subject to a fine not to exceed One Thousand  
5 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation.

6           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

7           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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