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By Representatives Peterson, Walsh, Gregerson, Lekanoff, Ramel, Davis, Orwall, Stonier, and Robinson

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1 AN ACT Relating to railroad grade crossings; adding a new section
2 to chapter 81.53 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.53
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) Railroad companies shall not block a railroad grade crossing,
7 upon the request of law enforcement or other emergency services
8 personnel, or when any member of the crew becomes aware that the
9 crossing is being approached by a law enforcement or other emergency
10 services vehicle with its emergency lights flashing or that such a
11 vehicle is stopped with its emergency lights flashing at the crossing
12 blocked by the train.

13 (2) A railroad grade crossing must be cleared by the fastest
14 available method so long as the train movement will not violate rules
15 issued by the federal railroad administration.

16 (3) A railroad that violates this section is subject to the
17 provisions of RCW 81.04.380.

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