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## SENATE BILL NO. 595

Senate Amendments in [ ] - January 30, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-885 of the Code of Virginia, relating to stopping of vehicles at railroad grade crossings.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Lucas

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-885 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-885. When vehicles to stop at railroad grade crossings.

A. Except in cities or towns, whenever any person driving a vehicle approaches a railroad grade crossing under any of the circumstances stated in this section, the driver of the vehicle shall stop within fifty 50 feet but not less than fifteen 15 feet from the nearest rail of such railroad, and shall not proceed until he can do so safely. The foregoing requirements shall apply when:

1. A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train [ ~~or other track equipment, which shall mean any self-propelled machinery or automobile type vehicle traveling on a railroad track~~ ] ;

2. A crossing gate is lowered or a flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a train [ ~~or other track equipment~~ ] ;

3. A train [ ~~or other track equipment~~ ] approaching such crossing gives the signals required by § 56-414;

4. An approaching train or [ ~~other track equipment~~ any self-propelled machinery or automobile type vehicle traveling on a railroad track ] is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing [ , regardless of whether a clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device of flagman gives warning ]

B. No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

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