

**Senate File 384 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 384  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 24)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to notices required for the closure of railway  
2 crossings for repairs or upgrades, and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **327G.26 Closed crossing — required**  
2 **notices.**

3 1. A railway corporation shall provide notice of a railway  
4 crossing closure for repairs or upgrades to the governmental  
5 entity that has jurisdiction over the crossing not fewer than  
6 thirty days prior to closing the crossing, unless the closure  
7 could not reasonably be anticipated thirty days in advance  
8 or occurs in the event of an emergency. The notice must  
9 include an estimated date by which the repairs or upgrades  
10 will be completed. A railway corporation shall also notify the  
11 governmental entity as soon as practicable if the repairs or  
12 upgrades will be completed after the initial estimated completion  
13 date.

14 2. A railway corporation violating this section shall, upon  
15 conviction, be guilty of a schedule "one" penalty under section  
16 327C.5.

17 **EXPLANATION**

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 Current law prohibits a railway corporation from closing a  
21 railway crossing for more than 30 days for the purpose of  
22 repairing or upgrading the crossing, and a corporation that  
23 violates Code section 327G.25 is subject to a \$100 fine.

24 This bill requires a railway corporation to provide notice  
25 of a railway crossing closure for repairs or upgrades to the  
26 governmental entity that has jurisdiction over the crossing not  
27 fewer than 30 days prior to closing the crossing, unless the  
28 closure could not reasonably be anticipated 30 days in advance  
29 or in the event of an emergency. The notice must include  
30 an estimated date by which the repairs or upgrades will be  
31 completed. If the repairs or upgrades will be completed after  
32 the initial estimated completion date, the railway corporation  
33 is also required to notify the governmental entity as soon as  
34 practicable. A violation of the bill is punishable by a \$100  
35 fine.