

## CHAPTER 247

## RAILROADS

S. F. 746.

AN ACT to amend section two thousand sixty (2060) of the code, (C. C. 5079), relating to interlocking switches.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Repeal. That section two thousand sixty (2060) of  
2 the code, (C. C. 5079), be, and the same is hereby repealed, and the  
3 following enacted in lieu thereof.

1 SEC. 2. Interlocking switches—approval. When in any case  
2 two or more railroads cross each other at a common grade, or a rail-  
3 road crosses a stream by swing or draw bridge, they may be equipped  
4 thereat with an interlocking switch system, or other suitable safety  
5 device rendering it safe for engines or trains to pass thereover with-  
6 out stopping. The plans for such proposed interlocking system or  
7 other safety device shall be first submitted to the board of railroad  
8 commissioners for approval, and after the same has been installed no  
9 engines or trains shall pass over such crossings or bridge without  
10 stopping until the board of railroad commissioners shall have in-  
11 spected and issued a certificate of approval of such interlocking  
12 system or safety device.

1 SEC. 3. Changes—approval. In the event any railroad company  
2 desires to make a change in the mechanical construction, arrange-  
3 ment or location of any interlocking system or other safety device,  
4 or in any of the parts of such system or device, the plans showing  
5 specifically the nature of the changes proposed shall be filed with the  
6 board of railroad commissioners, and such system or device as  
7 changed shall not be operated until a certificate of approval thereof  
8 has been issued by the board.

1 SEC. 4. Condemnation of system. Any interlocking system or  
2 other safety device now or hereafter constructed or operated, which  
3 may be found by the board of railroad commissioners, after inspec-  
4 tion, to be unsafe or dangerous, may be condemned by the said board,  
5 and the railroad company or companies required to reconstruct the  
6 same in accordance with the rules governing the construction, opera-  
7 tion and maintenance of interlocking plants adopted by said board  
8 of railroad commissioners.

1 SEC. 5. Order for interlocking system. Provided further, that  
2 whenever in the judgment of the board of railroad commissioners it  
3 is necessary for the public safety, said board may require the estab-  
4 lishment of an interlocking system or other safety device at any rail-  
5 road crossing, junction, or draw bridge.

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