



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 676

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: February 26, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

As proposed, this legislation would raise the penalty issued to a railroad company when a train blocks a public crossing for longer than ten minutes and expand the jurisdiction of where the fine can be imposed. Currently, state statute calls for a minimum fine of ten dollars and a maximum fine of one hundred dollars should a train block an intersection for longer than ten minutes. The current law only applies to unincorporated areas in the state. The jurisdiction to which this legislation is applicable would be expanded to include cities of the first and second class and villages. Under this legislation, the fine would be raised to a five hundred dollar minimum with a maximum fine of five thousand dollars.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Annette Dubas