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H.B. No. 1757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the obstruction of emergency vehicles at railroad  
3 crossings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 471.007(a), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A railway company commits an offense if:

8 (1) a train of the railway company obstructs for more  
9 than 10 minutes a street, railroad crossing, or public highway; and

10 (2) as a result, an authorized emergency vehicle, as  
11 defined by Section 541.201, is prevented from taking the most  
12 direct route to an emergency.

13 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
14 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this  
15 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before  
16 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs  
17 before that date.

18 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this  
19 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,  
20 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.