

Bill Summary
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| Bill No.: | SB 597 |
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Bill Analysis

SB 597 prohibits any railroad company from operating any train that exceeds 8,500 feet in length or exceeds the length of the shortest siding or passing track on which it travels on any main line or branch line, or that routinely or repeatedly blocks any intersection for periods exceeding 10 minutes at one time. The measure establishes a civil penalty of \$500.00-\$1,000.00 per foot of the length of a train exceeding the limitation. The measure establishes a maximum fine of \$250,000.00 for grossly negligent violations or any violation that resulted in a death or injury. The measure authorizes the Transportation Commission to request the Attorney General to initiate civil action within 3 years of the violation.

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