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1ST SESSION

H. R. 341

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide States the authority to limit blocking grade rail crossings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2025

Mr. DAVIDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Railroad Responsibility
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT BLOCKING GRADE**
7 **RAIL CROSSINGS.**

8 (a) GENERAL JURISDICTION OF SURFACE TRANS-
9 PORTATION BOARD.—Section 10501(c)(3) of title 49,

1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(C) STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT BLOCKING
4 GRADE RAIL CROSSINGS.—Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, this title does not preempt a State from
6 the adoption or enactment of any law, regulation, order,
7 or other requirement related to limiting the duration that
8 a railroad carrier may block a grade rail crossing.”.

9 (b) PREEMPTION.—Section 20106(a) of title 49,
10 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
11 following:

12 “(3) STATE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT BLOCKING GRADE
13 RAIL CROSSINGS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, this title does not preempt a State
16 from the adoption or enactment of any law, regula-
17 tion, order, or other requirement related to limiting
18 the duration that a railroad carrier may block a
19 grade rail crossing.

20 “(B) STATE DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the
21 term ‘State’ means a State of the United States and
22 the District of Columbia.”.

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