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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, APRIL 17, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in railroads, further providing for
3 speedometers and speed recorders and for flag protection and
4 providing for railroad safety inspector salary.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 2705(e) and 2706(d) of Title 66 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 2705. Speedometers and speed recorders.

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11 (e) Enforcement.--The commission shall enforce the
12 provisions of this section, including expanding the commission's
13 enforcement actions through increased railroad safety
14 inspectors, and may issue such order or orders as may be proper
15 to require compliance therewith.

16 § 2706. Flag protection.

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18 (d) Enforcement.--The commission shall [enforce] take

1 appropriate enforcement actions, including expanding the
2 commission's complement of railroad safety inspectors, to ensure
3 compliance with the provisions of this section.

4 Section 2. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:
5 § 2710. Railroad safety inspector salary.

6 (a) Salary.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
7 the contrary, the commission shall set the base salary of
8 \$120,000 for a railroad safety inspector employed at the
9 commission.

10 (b) Cost of living.--Beginning July 1, 2024, and for each
11 like 12-month period thereafter, the commission shall increase
12 the base salary of a railroad safety inspector under subsection
13 (a) by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All
14 Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey,
15 Delaware and Maryland area for the most recent 12-month period
16 for which figures have been officially reported by the United
17 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
18 immediately prior to the date the adjustment is due to take
19 effect. The percentage increase and salary amounts shall be
20 determined by the commission and shall be transmitted to the
21 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
22 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days of
23 the date the determination is made.

24 Section 3. The addition of 66 Pa.C.S. § 2710 shall apply to
25 contracts or agreements entered into on or after the effective
26 date of this section.

27 Section 4. All regulations and parts of regulations are
28 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions
29 of this act.

30 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.