

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 354

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

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

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## 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. GRADE CROSSING BLOCKAGE PENALTY.**

4 Section 20134 of title 49, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “(d) **GRADE CROSSING BLOCKAGE PENALTY.**—The  
8 Secretary shall assess a civil penalty against a railroad  
9 carrier in the amount of \$10,000 for each complete hour  
10 in which a shift change of such carrier’s train employees

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1 causes a blockage of vehicular traffic at a grade cross-  
2 ing.”.

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