

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) refers to the term “crossbuck sign” as an alternative or common term for “highway–rail–grade crossing sign,” so the attached draft includes both terms. This is consistent with the recommendation contained in the original drafting instructions.

The attached draft contains some “clean–up” provisions repealing statutes after they will have no continuing applicability. I could not prepare this bill with nonstatutory provisions in lieu of in–text applicability because the provisions of the bill may apply beyond the current biennium. At this point, it is difficult to predict when the funding provisions of the bill will be completed. If the bill were enacted toward the end of the legislative biennium, and became effective in the summer of 2004, railroad companies would have until the summer of 2005 to make their requests of DOT to provide the yield signs, and DOT would then require additional time to evaluate the requests and pay for, or provide, signs. To be safe, the bill does not repeal the bill’s limited–term provisions related to funding until the end of the next fiscal biennium, hence the July 1, 2007, date for repeal of these provisions.

If you have questions or would like additional changes, please let me know. If the attached draft meets with your approval, please let me know and I will turn it into an introducible “/1” draft.

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