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A bill for an act
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relating to railroads; clarifying certain definitions relating to clearance requirements
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for certain carriers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 219.455.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 219.455, is amended to read:
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219.455 DEFINITIONS.
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(a) For purposes of sections 219.45 to 219.53, the following terms have the meanings
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given.
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(b) "Depot company" means a company formed to construct and operate a ~~passenger~~
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~~station~~ terminal on behalf of a railroad or rail carrier.
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(c) "Passenger service" means both intercity rail passenger service and commuter rail
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passenger service.
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(d) "Railway company" means a company incorporated or licensed to operate a railroad
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track or train, and includes a company that loads, unloads, or transloads products.
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(e) "Terminal" means a facility or station where:
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(1) trains stop to load, unload, or transfer passengers, freight, or both;
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(2) formation, dispatch, reception and temporary stabling, and marshalling of rolling
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stock occurs; or
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(3) trains are serviced, maintained, or repaired.

2.1 (f) "Yard" means a system of tracks within defined limits provided for making up trains,
2.2 storing cars, and other purposes.

2.3 (g) "Yard track" means a system of tracks within defined limits used for either movements
2.4 subject to prescribed signals, rules, or other special instructions or the following purposes:

2.5 (1) the making up or breaking up of trains;

2.6 (2) the storing of cars; ~~and~~ or

2.7 (3) ~~other related purposes over which movements not authorized by timetable or by train~~
2.8 ~~order may be made subject to prescribed signals, rules, or other special instructions~~
2.9 movements not authorized by timetable or train order.

2.10 Sidings used exclusively as passing track and main line track within yard limits do not
2.11 constitute yard track.