

A bill for an act  
relating to railroads; directing commissioner to apply for federal grants for rail  
safety technology; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 219.01.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 219.01, is amended to read:

**219.01 TRACK SAFETY STANDARDS; SAFETY TECHNOLOGY GRANTS.**

(a) The track safety standards of the United States Department of Transportation and  
Federal Railroad Administration apply to railroad trackage and are the standards for the  
determination of unsafe trackage within the state.

(b) The commissioner of transportation shall apply to the Federal Railroad  
Administration under Public Law 110-432, the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008  
(the act), for (1) railroad safety technology grant funding available to state governments  
under section 105 of the act and (2) development and installation of rail safety technology,  
including provision for switch position indicator signals in nonsignalized main track  
territory, under section 406 of the act, no later than the later of October 16, 2009, or 90  
days after the publication of federal rulemaking and a solicitation for proposals for federal  
aid. The commissioner shall (i) prioritize grant requests for the installation of switch  
indicator signals on all segments of nonsignalized track where posted speeds are in excess  
of 20 miles per hour and (ii) apply for grant funding in each year after 2009 until all  
nonsignalized track territory in the state has switch indicator signals installed and in  
operation.

(c) Prior to applying for funds under paragraph (b), the commissioner shall solicit  
grant requests from all eligible railroads.

2.1            (d) Participating railroads shall provide the 20 percent nonfederal match. Railroads  
2.2            shall provide all technical documentation as requested by the commissioner and required  
2.3            by the Federal Railroad Administration for the applications under paragraph (b). Railroads  
2.4            are responsible for developing, acquiring, and installing all rail safety technology obtained  
2.5            under this section in accordance with requirements established by the Federal Railroad  
2.6            Administration.