

## CHAPTER 219

COMMON CARRIERS; RAILROADS; RULES,  
LIABILITIES

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**219.20 STOP SIGNS.**

**Subdivision 1. When installation required; procedure.** At each grade crossing where, because of the dangers attendant upon its use, the reasonable protection of life and property makes it necessary for persons approaching the crossing to stop before crossing the railroad tracks, stop signs must be installed. When the government entity responsible for a road that crosses a railroad track deems it necessary to install stop signs at that crossing, it shall petition the commissioner to order the installation of the stop signs. The commissioner shall respond to the petition by investigating the conditions at the crossing to determine whether stop signs should be installed at the crossing. On determining, after an investigation following a petition from a governmental agency or subdivision or on the commissioner's own motion, that stop signs should be installed at a crossing, the commissioner shall designate the crossing as a stop crossing and shall notify the railway company operating the railroad at the crossing of this designation. Within 30 days after notification, the railway company shall erect the uniform stop crossing signs in accordance with the commissioner's order.

**Subd. 2. Stopping distances.** When a stop sign has been erected at a railroad crossing, the driver of a vehicle approaching a railroad crossing shall stop within 50 feet, but not less than ten feet, from the nearest track of the crossing and shall proceed only upon exercising due care.

**History:** 1987 c 397 s 2

**219.691 VIOLATION; FORFEITURE.**

A company violating sections 219.681, 219.692, 219.741, 219.743, 219.751, and 219.755 shall forfeit as a penalty to the state the sum of \$1,000 which may be recovered in a civil action.

**History:** 1987 c 384 art 2 s 51

**219.692 TREBLE DAMAGES.**

A person injured by a company's violation of sections 219.681, 219.691, 219.741, 219.743, 219.751, and 219.755 has a cause of action against that company for treble the amount of damages to the person or the person's property resulting from the violation.

**History:** 1987 c 384 art 2 s 52

**219.743 EXCEPTIONS.**

Sections 219.681 and 219.741 do not apply to:

(1) logging or ore roads constructed and used exclusively for logging or mining purposes;

(2) tracks described in section 219.681 which are used exclusively for logging or mining purposes; or

(3) a railroad which is not a common carrier.

**History:** 1987 c 384 art 2 s 53

**219.755 SECTION 645.35 NOT TO APPLY.**

Section 645.35 does not apply to sections 219.681, 219.691, 219.692, 219.741, 219.743, and 219.751.

**History:** *1987 c 384 art 2 s 54*