

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 18c-7503 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/18c-7503) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 18c-7503)

7 Sec. 18c-7503. Trespassing on railroad property; terminal  
8 security.

9 (1) Trespassing on railroad property prohibited.

10 (a) General prohibition. Except as otherwise provided  
11 in paragraph (b) of this subsection, no person may:

12 (i) walk, ride, drive or be upon or along the right  
13 of way or rail yard of a rail carrier within the State,  
14 at a place other than a public crossing;

15 (ii) enter or be upon any railroad property;

16 (iii) without lawful authority or the railroad  
17 carrier's consent, ride on the outside of a train or  
18 inside a passenger car, locomotive, or freight car,  
19 including a box car, flatbed, or container;

20 (iv) willfully lead or contrive any animal to go  
21 upon the railroad's rights of way for any reason other  
22 than to pass over such rights of way at a marked public  
23 crossing; or

24 (v) throw or cause to be thrown on to the  
25 railroad's rights of way any waste paper, ashes,  
26 household waste, glass, metal, tires, refuse, or  
27 rubbish.

28 (b) Exceptions. This subsection shall not apply to:

29 (i) fare paying passengers on trains or employees  
30 of a rail carrier;

31 (ii) railroad employees and an authorized  
32 representative of rail carrier employees, while

1 performing required duties in accordance with  
2 reasonable rail carrier company guidelines;

3 (iii) a person going upon the right of way or into  
4 the rail yard to save human life or to remove an object  
5 that a reasonable person would believe poses an  
6 imminent threat to human life or limb;

7 (iv) a person being on the station grounds or in  
8 the depot of the rail carrier for the purpose of  
9 transacting business;

10 (v) a person, his family, or his employees or  
11 agents going across a farm crossing, as defined in this  
12 Chapter, for the purpose of crossing from one part to  
13 another part of a farm he owns or leases, where the  
14 farm lies on both sides of the right of way;

15 (vi) a person having written permission from the  
16 rail carrier to go upon the right of way or into the  
17 rail yard;

18 (vii) representatives of local, State, and federal  
19 governmental agencies in performance of their official  
20 duties; and

21 (viii) a person having written permission from the  
22 rail carrier to go in or be upon railroad property.

23 (2) Penalties.

24 (a) Any person found in violation of item (i), (ii),  
25 (iii) or (iv) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall be  
26 guilty of a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense. In  
27 addition to such other sanctions as may be deemed  
28 appropriate by the court, the person shall be subject to a  
29 mandatory fine of not less than \$150 or more than \$500, or  
30 to imprisonment for not less than 5 days nor more than 30  
31 days, or both. For each subsequent offense, the person  
32 shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. In addition to  
33 such sanctions as may be deemed appropriate by the court,  
34 the person shall be subject to a mandatory fine of not less  
35 than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or to imprisonment for not  
36 less than 10 days or more than one year, or both.

1 (b) Any person found in violation of item (v) of  
2 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an  
3 offense and in addition to such sanctions as may be deemed  
4 appropriate by the court shall be subject to a fine of not  
5 less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or community service of  
6 not less than 8 hours nor more than 50 hours, or both. If  
7 damage to any railroad property or bodily injury occurs to  
8 another as a result of a violation of item (v) of paragraph  
9 (a) of subsection (1), that person shall be charged with  
10 the offense of Malicious Removal of or Damage to Railroad  
11 Property or Freight pursuant to Section 18c-7502.

12 (c) Local authorities shall impose fines as  
13 established in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection  
14 (2) for persons found in violation of this Section or any  
15 similar local ordinance.

16 (2.5) Terminal security. The owner of a terminal is  
17 expressly authorized, within the terminal property, to  
18 construct and operate berms, commercially constructed electric  
19 fences, and monitoring equipment as security measures for  
20 reducing the economic impact of theft, enhancing homeland  
21 security, and improving the protection of the general public  
22 welfare. The terminal owner shall properly operate and maintain  
23 these security measures. Any electric fence installed pursuant  
24 to this subsection shall: (i) be marked with appropriate signs;  
25 (ii) be entirely surrounded at a distance of at least 36 inches  
26 by properly maintained non-electric perimeter fences at least 8  
27 feet tall; (iii) operate at a level of current that is not  
28 lethal to a human being upon contact; (iv) be covered at all  
29 times by an insurance policy maintained by the operator of the  
30 terminal for liability from claims arising out of the operation  
31 of the fence in an amount not less than \$10,000,000 per  
32 occurrence; and (v) be regularly monitored and inspected by a  
33 qualified electrician. The use of any of these security  
34 measures in accordance with this subsection is not a violation  
35 of this Sub-chapter.

36 (3) Definitions. For purposes of this Section:

1 "Passenger" means a person who is traveling by train with  
2 lawful authority and who does not participate in the train's  
3 operation. The term "passenger" does not include stowaways.

4 "Railroad" means any form of nonhighway ground  
5 transportation that runs on rails or electromagnetic  
6 guideways, including:

7 (i) commuter or other short-haul railroad  
8 passenger service in a metropolitan or urban area; and

9 (ii) high-speed ground transportation systems that  
10 connect metropolitan areas; but does not include rapid  
11 transit operations in an urban area that are not  
12 connected to the general railroad system of  
13 transportation.

14 "Railroad carrier" means a person providing railroad  
15 transportation.

16 "Railroad property" means all tangible property owned,  
17 leased, or operated by a railroad carrier including a right of  
18 way, track, bridge, yard, shop, station, tunnel, viaduct,  
19 trestle, depot, warehouse, terminal, or any other structure,  
20 appurtenance, or equipment owned, leased, or used in the  
21 operation of any railroad carrier including trains,  
22 locomotives, engines, railroad cars, work equipment, rolling  
23 stock, or safety devices. "Railroad property" does not include  
24 a railroad carrier's administrative buildings or offices,  
25 office equipment, or intangible property such as software or  
26 other information.

27 "Right of way" means the track or roadbed owned, leased, or  
28 operated by a rail carrier which is located on either side of  
29 its tracks and which is readily recognizable to a reasonable  
30 person as being railroad property or is reasonably identified  
31 as such by fencing or appropriate signs.

32 "Terminal" means a rail terminal facility, intermodal  
33 facility where at least one mode of transportation serviced by  
34 the facility is a railroad, or other railroad freight facility  
35 larger than 25 acres.

36 "Yard" means a system of parallel tracks, crossovers, and

1 switches where railroad cars are switched and made up into  
2 trains, and where railroad cars, locomotives, and other rolling  
3 stock is kept when not in use or when awaiting repair.

4 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 90-691, eff. 1-1-98;  
5 91-532, eff. 1-1-00.)

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7 becoming law.