

RESOLUTION 300
Adopted by the City Council
March 7, 1947

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 580 introduced at the 57th session of the California Legislature proposes to repeal safety sections (e), (f) and (g) of the California Full Crew Law, and

WHEREAS, The Full Crew Law was enacted in 1911, amended in 1913 to its present status, as a necessary safety measure to protect lives of the traveling public and railroad employees, and

WHEREAS, The Law has served its purposes through all the years by making it possible to detect the causes of accidents before they took place, and

WHEREAS, This Law requires railroads to employ a trainman for every twenty five cars in long train operations over their lines for the purpose of inspecting cars of mechanical defects and emergency repairs between terminals, to be available to part trains when stopped and blocking vehicular crossings according to the laws of cities for the conveniences of citizens, the free movement of ambulances, firefighting equipment and law enforcing agency vehicles, and

WHEREAS, Railroads operate many trains of ninty nine and more cars over their rails in the State, and

WHEREAS, If the Full Crew Law is repealed as proposed by Senate Bill No. 580, there will be only two trainmen employed on long trains, one of which will be stationed on the head end of trains and the other at the caboose, as required by the carriers' rules, and

WHEREAS, Under such conditions serious, if not disastrous, delays would occur at vehicle grade crossings, the safety values for which the Full Crew Law was enacted by the State Legislature to prevent train accidents while trains were in motion between terminals would be entirely lost.

NOW THEREOFRE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council for the City of Sacramento, in its regular meeting of March 7, 1947, does hereby go on record as opposed to repealing sections (e), (f) and (g) of the Full Crew Law as proposed by Senate Bill No. 580, and b

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Senators and State Assemblymen of the Sacramento area, and to the members of the Senate Labor Committee, with the request that they employ their good and honorable influences to defeat Senate Bill No. 580.

Mayor

City Clerk

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