

## **Railroad Crossing and Railroad Rolling Stock Minimum Distances; HB 2501**

**HB 2501** requires a railroad to maintain a minimum distance of 250 feet between a near-edge railroad crossing and railroad rolling stock stored on sidings if the railroad crossing does not have electronic warning signals. The bill authorizes the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to determine a greater or lesser distance at a particular location and permit or order a railroad to maintain the greater or lesser distance.

If physical conditions require use of a track temporarily or minimum distances cannot be obtained, the minimum distance provisions of the bill does not apply to:

- Cars placed for or awaiting removal after loading or unloading;
- Bad order cars set out from trains; or
- Rolling stock stored on yard tracks unless otherwise ordered by KDOT.

For purposes of the bill, the term “rolling stock” includes rolling stock not used for the pickup or delivery of freight and where placement on the railroad-owned siding by a railroad is for the sole convenience of the railroad.