

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Highways and  
Transportation

## SENATE BILL NO. 2444

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SAFETY STANDARDS IN TERMINALS, YARDS, AND  
2 ALONG RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RAILWAYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT  
3 ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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5 SECTION 1. (1) In order to meet safety requirements, every  
6 commercial railroad shall maintain working areas in a safe  
7 condition in yards, terminals, within switching limits, and at  
8 other points where switching may be performed in the ordinary  
9 course of business.

10 (2) Any walkway in the area specified in subsection (1)  
11 above shall be deemed to be safe if it:

12 (a) Is approximately level with the top of the  
13 crossties for a distance of approximately six inches (6") and  
14 thereafter slopes at no greater than eight-to-one (8-1), or  
15 approximately seven (7) degrees;

16 (b) Extends for a distance of approximately ten feet  
17 (10') from the center line of track on both sides, except where a  
18 lesser distance is otherwise provided for clearance by law.

19 (c) Has a reasonably smooth surface. Stone or gravel  
20 surfacing next to main lines shall be such that one hundred  
21 percent (100%) will pass a two and one-half inch (2-1/2") screen,  
22 ninety-five to one hundred percent (95-100%) will pass a two inch  
23 (2") screen, thirty-five to seventy percent (35-70%) will pass a  
24 one and one-half inch (1-1/2") screen, fifteen percent (15%) or  
25 less will pass a one inch (1") screen, and zero to five percent  
26 (0-5%) will pass a one-half inch (1/2") screen.

27 Stone or gravel surfaces next to walkways adjacent to

28 yard tracks, industrial tracks, team or piggy-back tracks shall be  
29 on the mixture commonly called three-fourths inch (3/4"), or may  
30 be such that one hundred percent (100%) is expected to pass a one  
31 inch (1") screen, ninety-five to one hundred percent (95-100%)  
32 will pass the three-fourths inch (3/4") screen, fifteen to  
33 twenty-five percent (15-25%) will pass the one-half inch (1/2")  
34 screen, and less than ten percent (10%) will be smaller than  
35 three-eighths inch (3/8").

36 (d) Is kept reasonably free of debris or other objects  
37 which pose a hazard to normal walking in the area.

38 (3) The safety or unsafety of any walkway in such areas  
39 which does not meet the standards specified in subsection (2)  
40 above shall be determined by the Mississippi Public Service  
41 Commission on a case-by-case basis under the procedures prescribed  
42 by law and the rules of the commission.

43 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
44 and after July 1, 1999.