



July 5, 2017

Mr. Walter Perry
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New Hampshire School Transportation Association
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Dear Mr. Perry,


In response to your letter of February 6th and our subsequent meeting with your organization on April 18th, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Safety have consulted with the Attorney General's Office, who has rendered their interpretation of RSA 265:60 as it applies to school busses stopping at exempt railroad crossings.

Based on that interpretation, please be advised that the Department of Transportation will continue to implement RSA 265:60 as we currently do in that school busses do not need to stop before proceeding through railroad crossings that have been exempted by the Department.


The Department of Safety recognizes that school buses are not required to stop at at-grade railroad crossings which are designated "exempt" unless (1) the driver sees rail traffic approaching or occupying the crossing, or (2) when the driver's view is blocked.

We would like to thank you and your organization for bringing this matter to our attention and hope that this letter will serve to clarify the issue going forward.

Sincerely


Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner
NH Department of Transportation

Sincerely,


John J. Barthelmes
Commissioner
NH Department of Safety