

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2205

To amend title 49, United States Code, to promote the cooperation of Amtrak with local governments in the implementation of activities to enhance railroad property and structures.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2001

Mr. SIMMONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3        **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Amtrak Good Neighbor  
5        Act of 2001”.

6        **SEC. 2. RAIL PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT.**

7        (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 24906 of title 49, United  
8        States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by inserting “**and enhancing rail**  
2           **property and structures**” after “**at-grade**  
3           **crossings**” in the section heading; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5           section:

6           “(c) RAIL PROPERTY AND STRUCTURE ENHANCE-  
7           MENT.—The National Railroad Passenger Corporation  
8           shall, on request from and in conjunction with a local gov-  
9           ernment in a State on the main line of the Northeast Cor-  
10          ridor, develop within a reasonable amount of time a plan  
11          for rail enhancement activities, and shall facilitate the im-  
12          plementation of that plan, including providing to the local  
13          government, or its agents or contractors, safe access to  
14          rail property and structures for the implementation of the  
15          rail enhancement activity.”.

16          (b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The item  
17          relating to section 24906 in the table of sections of chap-  
18          ter 249 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
19          inserting “and enhancing rail property and structures”  
20          after “at-grade crossings”.

21       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

22          Section 24901 of title 49, United States Code, is  
23          amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
24          graph:

1           “(3) ‘rail enhancement activity’ means land-  
2           scaping, painting, and other beautification, historic  
3           preservation, and rehabilitation and operation of rail  
4           property and structures (including buildings,  
5           bridges, grade crossings, flyovers, and other facili-  
6           ties).”.

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