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Abstract: Adds on track equipment as a railway vehicle considered for certain railroad crossing requirements.

Present law provides for "obedience to signal indicating approach to train".

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that obedience to signal indicating approach to train refers to motor vehicles approaching railroad crossings.

<u>Present law</u> requires all motor vehicle operators to take certain precautions when approaching a railroad train.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds on track equipment as a railway vehicle that a motor vehicle driver must be cautious of when approaching railroad tracks.

Present law requires the railroad to operate its trains in a safe manner.

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that the railroad is responsible for operating its trains and other on track equipment in a safe manner.

(Amends R.S. 32:171(Section heading), (A)(1), (2), (3), and (4), (C), (D), (E), (F)(3), and (H) and 172(D))