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A bill to require rail carriers to develop positive rail control system plans for improving railroad safety and to increase the civil penalties for railroad safety violations.

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 16, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6973	Related bill	Sep 19, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Requires each rail carrier that is a Class I railroad, that has inadequate safety performance, or that provides intercity passenger or commuter rail passenger transportation to develop and submit for Secretary of Transportation approval by December 31, 2014, a plan to implement a positive train control system that prevents rail collisions.

Requires implementation of such systems by December 31, 2012, in areas that have the highest safety risk due to shared track between commuter and freight rail.

Prohibits installation of a positive train control system or component unless the Secretary has certified that it has not experienced a safety-critical failure during prior testing and evaluation.

Increases penalties for violations of rail safety regulations or orders issued by the Secretary, including violations related to rail accident reporting and hours-of-service.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 16, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8858-8859)
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