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## **Public Utilities Code § 7537– Compiled March, 2011**

Our review of the annotated history of this statute reveals the following legislative history (every “c.” below represents a separate legislative bill):

Prior History: Former Civil Code § 485a, added 1915, c. 545

Added: 1951, c. 764 (codification bill)

Amended: None thus far

The language in 1915 read as follows:

485a. The owner or owners of any lands along or through which any railroad is constructed or maintained, shall have the right to such farm or private crossings over such railroad and railroad right of way as may be reasonably necessary or convenient for ingress to or egress from such lands, or in order to connect such lands with other adjacent lands of such owner or owners; and the owner or operator of such railroad shall construct and at all times maintain such farm or private crossing in a good, safe and passable condition; *provided*, that the railroad commission shall have the authority to determine the necessity for such crossing and the place, manner and conditions under which said crossing shall be constructed and maintained, and shall fix and assess the cost and expense thereof.

The language as codified in 1951 and as it reads, currently, is as follows:

7537. The owner of any lands along or through which any railroad is constructed or maintained, may have such farm or private crossings over the railroad and railroad right of way as are reasonably necessary or convenient for ingress to or egress from such lands, or in order to connect such lands with other adjacent lands of the owner. The owner or operator of the railroad shall construct and at all times maintain such farm or private crossing in a good, safe, and passable condition. The commission shall have the authority to determine the necessity for any crossing and the place, manner, and conditions under which the crossing shall be constructed and maintained, and shall fix and assess the cost and expense thereof.

**Two bills affected § 7537.**

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