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RAILROAD WARNING SIGNALS MUST BE OBEYED. G.S. 20-142.

The motor vehicle law provides that when the operator of a vehicle approaches a railway grade crossing, and a signal given by a [mechanical or electrical device] [gate] [flagman] indicates the approach of a train or railroad car, it is unlawful for the operator to fail to bring the vehicle to a complete stop and to determine that further movement can be made in safety before crossing the tracks.

A violation of this law is negligence within itself.