

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 1417

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/08/2023	741	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Transportation
02/20/2023		Comm report: To pass as amended Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; requiring a minimum crew size for certain rail carriers;

1.3 imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter

1.4 219.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [219.752] MINIMUM CREW SIZE.

1.7 (a) A railroad must not operate a train or light engine used in connection with the

1.8 movement of freight unless it has a crew of a minimum of two individuals. This section

1.9 does not apply to hostler services or utility employees.

1.10 (b) Any railroad that willfully violates this section must pay a fine of not less than \$250

1.11 or more than \$1,000 for a first offense, not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 for a second

1.12 offense committed within three years of the first offense, and not less than \$5,000 nor more

1.13 than \$10,000 for a third or subsequent offense committed within three years of the first

1.14 offense.

1.15 (c) Fines prescribed in this section must be recovered in a civil action before a judge of

1.16 the county in which the violation occurs.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 30 days following final enactment.