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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/13/2017	582	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act
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relating to railroads; requiring a minimum crew size for certain rail carriers;
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imposing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
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chapter 219.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **[219.752] MINIMUM CREW SIZE.**
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No Class I or Class II railroad shall operate a railroad train or locomotive in connection
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with the movement of freight or passengers in Minnesota without a crew composed of a
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minimum of two individuals. This section does not apply to hostling and helper operations,
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remote control locomotives in yards, and as otherwise provided by Code of Federal
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Regulations, title 49, part 218, subpart B. A railroad that violates this section is guilty of a
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misdemeanor and must pay a fine of at least \$250 for a first-time violation of this section
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or \$1,000 for each subsequent violation, in addition to any other sanctions authorized by
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law.
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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to crimes
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committed on or after that date.