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H.P. 521

House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

An Act To Increase Railroad Freight Safety

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

R(+ B. Hunt

Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, COLLINGS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §7015 is enacted to read:
3	§7015. Freight train crew size
4	A railroad company shall ensure that there are at least 2 employees on a freight train
5	traveling on a railroad line, as defined in section 7152, subsection 3, within the State,
6	except for a freight train traveling for hostler service. A railroad company that violates
7	this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation of this section.
8	SUMMARY
9	This bill requires a railroad company to ensure that there are at least 2 employees on
10	a freight train traveling on a railroad line within the State, except for a freight train
11	traveling for hostler service. It provides that a railroad company that violates this
12	provision is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation.