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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 286

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to railroads; requiring a minimum crew size for certain rail carriers;  
1.3 imposing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 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 No Class I or Class II railroad shall operate a railroad train or locomotive in connection  
1.8 with the movement of freight or passengers in Minnesota without a crew composed of a  
1.9 minimum of two individuals. This section does not apply to hostling and helper operations,  
1.10 remote control locomotives in yards, and as otherwise provided by Code of Federal  
1.11 Regulations, title 49, part 218, subpart B. A railroad that violates this section is guilty of a  
1.12 misdemeanor and must pay a fine of at least \$250 for a first-time violation of this section  
1.13 or \$1,000 for each subsequent violation, in addition to any other sanctions authorized by  
1.14 law.

1.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to crimes  
1.16 committed on or after that date.