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S. 2652

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide that only citizens or nationals of the United States may operate trains within the United States that originate in Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 21, 2019

Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protection of American
5 Jobs in Cross-Border Rail Operations With Mexico Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CREW REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINS ORIGINATING**
 2 **IN MEXICO.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 201 of
 4 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
 5 end the following:

6 **“§ 20169. Crew requirements for trains originating in**
 7 **Mexico**

8 “Trains originating in Mexico may only be operated
 9 in the United States by crews comprised entirely of citi-
 10 zens or nationals of the United States.”.

11 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the
 12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
 13 portation shall promulgate such regulations as may be
 14 necessary to carry out the amendment made by subsection
 15 (a).

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter anal-
 17 ysis for subchapter II of chapter 201 of title 49, United
 18 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 19 lowing:

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