

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0079

Railroad safety.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Blake, Blackburn, Clem, Duncan, Flitner, Hallinan, Hunt, Newsome and Styvar and Senator(s) Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler and Von Flatern

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to railroads; requiring trains and light
2 engines to be operated by a crew of not less than two
3 persons; specifying applicability; defining terms;
4 providing fines for violations; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-9-506 is created to read:

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11 **37-9-506. Railroad train crews.**

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13 (a) No railroad train or light engine used in a class
14 one (1) railroad, as defined by the surface transportation

1 board of the United States or its successor agency, in
2 connection with the movement of freight shall be operated
3 in this state unless the train has a crew of at least two
4 (2) individuals.

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6 (b) Any railroad company, corporation or employer who
7 willfully violates subsection (a) of this section shall be
8 guilty of a misdemeanor and fined:

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10 (i) Not less than two hundred fifty dollars
11 (\$250.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
12 for a first offense;

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14 (ii) Not less than one thousand dollars
15 (\$1,000.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)
16 for a second offense committed within three (3) years;

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18 (iii) Not less than five thousand dollars
19 (\$5,000.00) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)
20 for a third or subsequent offense committed within three
21 (3) years.

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1 (c) This section shall not apply when an employer
2 allows any person:

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4 (i) To move locomotives unattached to railcars
5 within a rail yard;

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7 (ii) To operate a helper service that
8 temporarily assists a train that requires additional power.

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10 (d) As used in this section, "light engine" means a
11 locomotive that has no cars attached.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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