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S. 2360

To provide for the minimum size of crews of freight trains, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 2018

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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 “Safe Freight Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FREIGHT TRAIN CREW SIZE.**

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

1 **“§ 20169. Freight train crew size**

2 “Beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date
3 of enactment of this section, no freight train or light en-
4 gine used in connection with the movement of freight may
5 be operated unless the train has a crew consisting of not
6 less than 2 individuals, of whom—

7 “(1) one is certified as a locomotive operator in
8 accordance with regulations prescribed pursuant to
9 section 20135; and

10 “(2) one is certified as a train conductor in ac-
11 cordance with regulations prescribed pursuant to
12 section 20163.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 for chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
15 ed by adding at the end the following:

“20169. Freight train crew size.”.

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