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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS
GENERALLY

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Euer, Valverde, Seveney, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-7 of the General Laws entitled "Operation of Railroads
2 Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-7-13. Minimum number of operators on freight trains.**

4 (a) No train or light engine used in connection with movement of freight may be operated
5 unless it has a crew of at least two (2) persons.

6 (b) Any person who willfully violates this section may be subject to a fine of not less than
7 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), or more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a first offense;
8 not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a
9 second offense within three (3) years; and not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or more
10 than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for a third offense within three (3) years.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would require that trains used in connection with the movement of freight be
- 2 operated by a crew of at least two (2) persons.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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