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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for the minimum size of crews of freight trains, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Safe Freight Act of 2017''.

SEC. 2. FREIGHT TRAIN CREW SIZE.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Subchapter II of chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 20169. Freight train crew size

''Effective 30 days after the date of enactment of the Safe Freight Act of 2017, no freight train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight may be operated unless it has a crew consisting of at least 2 individuals, one of whom is certified under regulations promulgated by the Federal Railroad Administration as a locomotive engineer pursuant to section 20135, and the other of whom is certified under regulations promulgated by the Federal Railroad Administration as a conductor pursuant to section 20163.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"20169. Freight train crew size.".

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