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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1272

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
02/20/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law
03/09/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring a minimum crew size for certain rail carriers;
1.3 imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 219.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. 219.752 MINIMUM CREW SIZE.

1.7 (a) For purposes of this section, "shared corridor" means a segment of railroad track in
1.8 which light rail transit operates within or adjacent to right-of-way used in freight rail
1.9 operation.

1.10 (b) A Class I railroad, Class II railroad, or a railroad while operating in a shared corridor
1.11 must not operate a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight
1.12 unless it has a crew of a minimum of two individuals. This section does not apply to hostler
1.13 services or utility employees.

1.14 (c) Any railroad that willfully violates this section must pay a fine of not less than \$250
1.15 or more than \$1,000 for a first offense, not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 for a second
1.16 offense committed within three years of the first offense, and not less than \$5,000 nor more
1.17 than \$10,000 for a third or subsequent offense committed within three years of the first
1.18 offense.

1.19 (d) Fines prescribed in this section must be recovered in a civil action before a judge of
1.20 the county in which the violation occurs.

1.21 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 30 days following final enactment.