



- 2.1 (4) inspect train equipment;  
 2.2 (5) inspect railroad operations;  
 2.3 (6) review and enforce safety requirements;  
 2.4 (7) review maintenance and repair records; and  
 2.5 (8) review railroad security measures.

2.6 (c) A state rail safety inspector may perform, but is not limited to, the duties described  
 2.7 in the federal State Rail Safety Participation Program. An inspector may train, be certified,  
 2.8 and participate in any of the federal State Rail Safety Participation Program disciplines,  
 2.9 including: track, signal and train control, motive power and equipment, operating practices  
 2.10 compliance, hazardous materials, and highway-rail grade crossings.

2.11 (d) To the extent delegated by the Federal Railroad Administration and authorized by  
 2.12 the commissioner, an inspector may issue citations for violations of this chapter, or to ensure  
 2.13 railroad employee and public safety and welfare.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 219.015, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.16 Subd. 2. **Railroad company assessment; account; appropriation.** (a) As provided in  
 2.17 this subdivision, the commissioner shall annually assess railroad companies that are (1)  
 2.18 defined as common carriers under section 218.011; (2) classified by federal law or regulation  
 2.19 as Class I Railroads, Class I Rail Carriers, Class II Railroads, or Class II Carriers; and (3)  
 2.20 operating in this state.

2.21 (b) The assessment must be ~~by a division of~~ calculated to allocate state rail safety  
 2.22 ~~inspector inspection program costs in equal proportion between~~ proportionally among  
 2.23 carriers based on route miles operated in Minnesota, ~~assessed in equal amounts for 365 days~~  
 2.24 ~~of the calendar year~~ at the time of assessment. The commissioner ~~shall assess~~ must include  
 2.25 in the assessment calculation all start-up or re-establishment costs, all related costs of  
 2.26 ~~initiating the state rail safety inspector inspection program costs, including but not limited~~  
 2.27 to administration, supervision, travel, equipment, training, and ongoing state rail inspector  
 2.28 duties.

2.29 (c) The assessments collected under this subdivision must be deposited in a ~~special~~  
 2.30 ~~account in the special revenue fund, to be known as the~~ state rail safety inspection account,  
 2.31 which is established in the special revenue fund. The account consists of funds provided by  
 2.32 this subdivision, and any other money donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided

3.1 to the account. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner ~~for the~~  
3.2 ~~establishment and ongoing responsibilities of~~ to administer the state rail safety ~~inspector~~  
3.3 inspection program.

3.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.