

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3720**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kathleen R. LaNatra***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to 2-person train crew size.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                  | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i>               | <i>1/15/2025</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i>    | <i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>2/6/2025</i>  |
| <i>John J. Marsi</i>       | <i>6th Worcester</i>               | <i>3/19/2025</i> |

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By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3720) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Michael D. Brady for legislation to require a minimum of 2 persons for the movement of certain freight trains. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to 2-person train crew size.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 161C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 8. (a) No train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight  
4 may be operated unless it has a crew consisting of at least 2 persons. For the purposes of this  
5 section, “train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight” shall not include  
6 hostler service or utility employees.

7 (b) A company who willfully violates this section may be subject to a fine of: (i) not less  
8 than \$250 nor more than \$1,000, for a first offense; (ii) not less than \$1,000 nor more than  
9 \$5,000, for a second offense committed within 3 years; and (iii) not less than \$5,000 nor more  
10 than \$10,000, for a third offense and subsequent offenses committed within 3 years.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.