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H.P. 386

House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act To Increase Railroad Freight Safety

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, DUNPHY of Old Town, GOLDEN of Lewiston,
JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, McLEAN of Gorham, SCHNECK of
Bangor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §7015** is enacted to read:

3 **§7015. Crew size; freight train**

4 A railroad company or railroad authority shall ensure that there are at least 2
5 employees on a freight train traveling on a railroad line within the State, except for a
6 freight train traveling for hostler service. A railroad company or railroad authority that
7 violates this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for every violation of this
8 section.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires a railroad company or railroad authority to ensure that there are at
11 least 2 employees on a freight train traveling on a railroad line within the State, except for
12 a freight train traveling for hostler service, and includes a penalty provision.