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# H. R. 233

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

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## 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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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Freight Act of  
5 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FREIGHT TRAIN CREW SIZE.**

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

1 **“§ 20169. Freight train crew size**

2 “Effective 30 days after the date of enactment of the  
3 Safe Freight Act of 2017, no freight train or light engine  
4 used in connection with the movement of freight may be  
5 operated unless it has a crew consisting of at least 2 indi-  
6 viduals, one of whom is certified under regulations promul-  
7 gated by the Federal Railroad Administration as a loco-  
8 motive engineer pursuant to section 20135, and the other  
9 of whom is certified under regulations promulgated by the  
10 Federal Railroad Administration as a conductor pursuant  
11 to section 20163.”.

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

“20169. Freight train crew size.”.

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