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Abstract: Requires a two-person crew on trains carrying freight and provides for penalties and enforcement.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the operation of a railroad train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight without a crew consisting of a minimum of two individuals.

<u>Proposed law</u> excludes hostler service or utility employees from the phrase "railroad train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the assessment of penalties for violation against an owner, operator, or supervisor of a railroad as follows: not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for the first violation; not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 for a second violation committed within a three-year period; and not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000 for a third or subsequent violation committed within a three-year period.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for enforcement by the Public Service Commission and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

(Adds R.S. 45:570)