

2026 SESSION

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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 191**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 9, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 13 of Title 56 a section numbered*
5 *56-425.1, relating to railroad safety; minimum train crew; movement of freight; civil penalties.*

6 Patron—Williams Graves

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8 Referred to Committee on Transportation
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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 7 of Chapter 13 of Title 56 a section**
12 **numbered 56-425.1 as follows:**

13 **§ 56-425.1. Minimum train crew; movement of freight; civil penalties.**

14 *A. No railroad company shall use or allow the use of any train, locomotive, or light engine in connection*
15 *with the movement of freight unless such train, locomotive, or light engine has a crew consisting of at least*
16 *two qualified individuals. No provision of this section shall apply to the use of a train, locomotive, or light*
17 *engine for hostler or utility service.*

18 *B. Any railroad company in violation of the provisions of this section shall, in the discretion of the*
19 *Commission, be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000. For a second violation within three years,*
20 *such railroad company shall, in the discretion of the Commission, be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more*
21 *than \$5,000. For a third or subsequent violation within three years of the first violation, such railroad*
22 *company shall, in the discretion of the Commission, be fined not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000. The*
23 *number of violations within three years shall be measured by the dates on which such violations occur.*

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