

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - 2026 SESSION

## CHAPTER 548

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

[H 25]

Approved April 13, 2026

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

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

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

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

*B. The Commission shall include in its annual report to the Governor required by § 12.1-4 the number of probable violations of 49 C.F.R. § 218.123 investigated by the Commission's Division of Utility and Railroad Safety and reported to the Federal Railroad Administration for enforcement.*