

HR 1269

Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2007
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2007
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 1401	Related bill	Aug 3, 2007: For Further Action See Titles XII, XIII, XIV and XV of H.R. 1.
110 HR 1493	Related bill	Mar 14, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop and implement a plan entitled the National Strategy for Rail and Public Transportation Security.

Requires the Secretary to promulgate regulations that require each high- or medium- risk tier railroad carrier, public transportation operator, or over-the-road bus private operator to submit for approval by the Secretary: (1) an assessment of the vulnerability of the rail or public transportation system or over-the-road bus to terrorism; and (2) a security plan that addresses the vulnerabilities identified in the assessment. Requires the Secretary to implement a security program for covered transportation not assigned to a high- or medium-risk tier.

Requires the Secretary to establish a program for the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to railroad carriers, designated public transportation recipients, and over-the-road bus private operators for certain security improvements.

Makes grants to Amtrak for certain fire and life-safety improvements to tunnels on the Northeast Corridor.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) develop a training program to prepare railroad, public transportation, and over-the-road bus workers for potential threat conditions; and (2) establish a security exercises program for such workers and other named entities to respond to acts of terrorism.

Sets forth certain whistleblower protections for DHS, Department of Transportation (DOT), rail and public transportation, and over-the-road bus employees (including contractors and subcontractors) who have provided information or otherwise assisted in any investigation regarding conduct related to, or who have refused to violate or assist in, the violation of any regulation related to national or homeland security.

Requires an increase in the number of DHS surface transportation security inspectors.

Sets forth civil penalties for violations of regulations and orders of the Secretary.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 3, 2007:** For Further Action See P.L. 110-53, Titles XIV and XV.
- **Mar 5, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection.
- **Mar 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Mar 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E451)
- **Mar 1, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.