

HR 6066

Passenger Train Safety Act

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Cosponsors (4 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Passenger Train Safety Act

This bill addresses passenger safety issues aboard trains.

Specifically, the bill

- directs the Federal Railroad Administration to research safety issues relating to speed signs, seat securement mechanisms, and methods for mitigating derailment injuries;
- requires the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to address various safety issues, including developing policies for the safe use of child safety seats and implementing enhanced crew training;
- directs the Department of Transportation to require each railroad carrier that provides regularly scheduled intercity rail passenger or commuter rail passenger transportation to install inward- and outward-facing audio recording devices in or on all controlling locomotive cabs and cab car operating compartments on such passenger trains;
- prohibits entities providing regularly scheduled intercity or commuter rail passenger transportation from beginning service on certain routes unless a positive train control system is fully implemented and operational on such routes; and
- requires railroad carriers to periodically review and update their speed limit action plans.

Actions Timeline

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