

## HR 1238

### Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. (Mar 1, 2023)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Feb 28, 2023)

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#### **Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act or the DERAIR Act**

This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to expand the statutory definition of a high-hazard flammable train (HHFT), thereby subjecting more trains to additional safety requirements.

Specifically, DOT must expand the definition of *HHFT* to mean a train transporting one or more loaded tank cars of a Class 3 flammable liquid (e.g., benzene residue) or a Class 2 flammable gas (e.g., vinyl chloride) and other materials DOT determines necessary for safety. Current regulations define *HHFT* as a train transporting 20 or more loaded tank cars of a Class 3 flammable liquid in a continuous block or 35 or more loaded tank cars of a Class 3 flammable liquid dispersed throughout the train.

The bill also requires railway carriers to report a train derailment that involves a train carrying material toxic by inhalation within 24 hours of the derailment to the National Response Center, state and local officials, and tribal governments.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H953)
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.