

HR 1238

Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act

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Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2023)

Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act or the DERAIl 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

- **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.

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