

HR 854

DERAIL Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Jan 31, 2025

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. (Feb 1, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]

Party: Democratic • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Casar, Greg [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-37]	D · TX		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Pettersen, Brittany [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Ryan, Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Jan 31, 2025
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Mar 18, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 1, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 31, 2025)

Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act or the DERAiL Act

This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to expand the 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 (NRC), state and local officials, and tribal governments. As background, the NRC is a part of the federally established National Response System. Reports to the NRC activate the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan and the federal government's response capabilities.

Actions Timeline

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