

## HR 854

DERAIL Act

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**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. (Feb 1, 2025)

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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

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 31, 2025)

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### **Decreasing Emergency Railroad Accident Instances Locally Act or the DERAILED 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.



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