
HOUSE BILL 2695

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By Representatives Conway, Lysen, Wood, Kenney and Kirby

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1 AN ACT Relating to railroad safety in Washington state; adding a
2 new section to chapter 81.40 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.40 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any time a railroad company employee determines that he or she
7 is fatigued and unable to safely perform his or her duties, that
8 employee must be allowed to absence himself or herself from service to
9 the company without any intimidation, retribution, or negative notation
10 to his or her employment record.

11 (2) The commission may require any railroad company in violation of
12 subsection (1) of this section to forfeit not less than twenty-five
13 dollars or more than one hundred dollars for a first offense; not less
14 than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars for a second
15 offense committed within three years of the first offense; and not less
16 than five hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars for a third
17 offense and each additional offense committed within three years of the

1 prior offense. All fines shall be deposited in the transportation
2 fund.

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