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1997 SENATE BILL 33

January 28, 1997 – Introduced by Senators Jauch, Wineke, Wirch, Schultz, Rude, Grobschmidt, Risser, C. Potter, Moore and George, cosponsored by Representatives Dobyns, Schneider, Ourada, Black, M. Lehman, Musser, Johnsrud, Ryba, Albers, Bock, Freese, Ziegelbauer, Hahn, Gunderson, Murat, Boyle, Vander Loop, Seratti, Baumgart, La Fave, Plale, Plouff, Meyer, Huber, Olsen, Baldwin, F. Lasee, Urban, Hanson, Hoven, Lorge, Powers, Schafer, Linton, Riley, Huebsch, Gronemus, L. Young, Zukowski, Kunicki and Travis. Referred to Committee on Labor, Transportation and Financial Institutions.

AN ACT to create 192.25 of the statutes; relating to: the minimum number of persons required on train crews, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law establishes minimum qualifications for railroad train conductors and flagmen, but does not establish a minimum number of personnel necessary to compose a train crew. This bill prohibits any railroad train or locomotive from operating between terminals in this state unless the crew consists of at least 2 persons. The bill authorizes the office of the commissioner of railroads to grant exceptions that will not endanger life or property.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 192.25 of the statutes is created to read:

192.25 Railroad train crews. (1) No person operating or controlling any railroad, as defined in s. 85.01 (5), may allow the operation of any railroad train or locomotive between terminals in this state unless the railroad train or locomotive has a crew of at least 2 individuals.

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(2) The office may, by rule, grant an exception to sub. (1) if the office determine	es
that the exception will not endanger the life or property of any person.	

(3) Any person who violates sub. (1) may be required to forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for a first offense, not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for a 2nd offense committed within 3 years, and not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for a 3rd offense committed within 3 years.

7 (END)