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House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

An Act To Increase Railroad Freight Safety

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

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Presented by Representative RYKERSON of Kittery. Cosponsored by Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, COLLINGS of Portland, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §7015 is enacted to read:

3 §7015. Freight train crew size

A railroad company shall ensure that there are at least 2 employees on a freight train traveling on a railroad line, as defined in section 7152, subsection 3, within the State, except for a freight train traveling for hostler service. A railroad company that violates this section is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation of this section.

8 SUMMARY

9 This bill requires a railroad company to ensure that there are at least 2 employees on 10 a freight train traveling on a railroad line within the State, except for a freight train 11 traveling for hostler service. It provides that a railroad company that violates this 12 provision is subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation.