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1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 436

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring a properly equipped and staffed
7 caboose on certain trains."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 42.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

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ARTICLE 6. CABOOSE REQUIRED.

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Sec. 42.30.250. CABOOSE REQUIRED. (a) A train that exceeds

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1,000 feet in length including locomotives shall have a properly

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equipped caboose, that is staffed by a qualified train conductor or

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brakeman, attached as the rear car while the train is moving over

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tracks outside a yard or terminal.

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(b) This section applies to a railroad that transports goods or

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passengers for a fee.

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Sec. 42.30.260. EXCEPTIONS. (a) AS 42.30.250 does not apply

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(1) to a train composed only of locomotives and passenger

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coaches; or

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(2) if an emergency occurs in route that prevents compli-

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ance with that section.

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(b) Notwithstanding AS 42.30.250, a defective car that cannot be

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entrained except behind the caboose may be attached as the rear car on

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a train and moved to the nearest terminal where it can be repaired.

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Sec. 42.30.270. PENALTY. Violation of AS 42.30.250 is an

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offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than

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\$1,000. Each violation is a separate offense.