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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 436 (Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 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:

10 ARTICLE 6. CABOOSE REQUIRED.

11 Sec. 42.30.250. CABOOSE REQUIRED. (a) A train that exceeds
12 1,000 feet in length including locomotives shall have a properly
13 maintained and equipped caboose, that is staffed by a qualified train
14 conductor or brakeman, attached as the rear car while the train is
15 moving over tracks outside a yard or terminal.

16 (b) This section applies to a railroad that transports goods or
17 passengers for a fee.

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

19 (1) to a train composed only of locomotives and passenger
20 coaches;

21 (2) to a train not exceeding 1,825 feet in length, includ-
22 ing locomotives, composed only of trailer on flat car equipment or
23 container on flat car equipment provided that any hazardous or toxic
24 materials on the train are located in the first 1,000 feet of the
25 train as measured from the lead locomotive; or

26 (3) if an emergency occurs in route that prevents compli-
27 ance with that section.

28 (b) Notwithstanding AS 42.30.250, a defective car that cannot be
29 entrained except behind the caboose may be attached as the rear car on

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

2 Sec. 42.30.270. PENALTY. Violation of AS 42.30.250 is an of-
3 fense punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than
4 \$1,000. Each violation is a separate offense.