

HOUSE BILL NO. 5596

December 02, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Sneller, Cherry, Ellison, Camilleri, Puri, Liberati, Sabo, Rabhi, Stone, Clemente, O'Malley and Brenda Carter and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1993 PA 354, entitled
"Railroad code of 1993,"
(MCL 462.101 to 462.451) by adding section 352.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 352. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a railroad**
2 **shall not operate a train or locomotive engine engaged in**
3 **transporting freight unless the train or locomotive engine is**
4 **operated by a crew of not fewer than 2 individuals.**

5 **(2) Subsection (1) does not apply under either of the**
6 **following circumstances:**

1 (a) Operating a locomotive engine in hostler service.

2 (b) Operating a locomotive engine in helper service.

3 (3) As used in this section:

4 (a) "Helper service" means assisting a train that is
5 experiencing a mechanical failure or that is ascending or
6 descending a grade by coupling a locomotive engine to the front or
7 rear of the train.

8 (b) "Hostler service" means moving a train or locomotive
9 engine a short distance within a railroad yard or mechanical
10 facility.

11 (c) "Train" means 1 or more locomotive engines, coupled with
12 or without cars, that are required to undergo air brake testing
13 under 49 CFR 232.