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SENATE BILL 1239

Short Title: Safe Walkways for Railroad Workers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Nesbitt.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT
3 RULES REQUIRING SAFE WALKWAYS FOR RAILROAD WORKERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 15 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 136-99. Safe walkways for railroad workers.**

8 The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules requiring safe walkways for
9 railroad workers in areas in which work is regularly performed on the ground. These
10 rules shall include, at a minimum, a requirement that any walkway:

- 11 (1) Have a reasonably uniform surface;
12 (2) Be maintained in a safe condition;
13 (3) Be reasonably free of obstacles, debris, and other hazards; and
14 (4) Be limited in the size of ballast used on the walkway."

15 SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation shall adopt temporary rules
16 and initiate permanent rule making to implement Section 1 of this act within 90 days of
17 the date this act becomes law.

18 SECTION 3. The act is effective when it becomes law.