

321.449A Rail crew transport drivers.

1. A driver of a motor vehicle operated for hire which is designed to transport seven or more persons but fewer than sixteen persons including the driver and is used to transport railroad workers to or from their places of employment or during the course of their employment is subject to the following limitations:

a. The driver shall not drive such a vehicle more than ten hours following eight consecutive hours of uninterrupted rest.

b. The driver shall not drive such a vehicle for any period after having been on duty for fifteen hours following eight consecutive hours of uninterrupted rest.

c. The driver shall not accept a call for service from the driver's employer during a period of uninterrupted rest.

2. For purposes of [this section](#), the following definitions apply:

a. "Employer" means a railroad worker transportation company, as defined in [section 327F.39](#), for whom the driver performs a service, either for wages or as an independent contractor.

b. "On duty" means all time from the time a driver begins work or is required to be ready to work until the time the driver is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work, whether or not the driver is compensated for all of the time. A driver may drive more than one assigned trip, as long as the trip falls within the on-duty period. A driver "*begins work*" when the driver enters a transport vehicle to begin a trip assignment and is not "*relieved from work*" until the driver has exited the transport vehicle for the final time.

c. "Uninterrupted rest" means that the employer shall not communicate with the driver by telephone, pager, or in any other manner that could reasonably be expected to disrupt the driver's rest.

3. A person who violates [this section](#) commits a simple misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under [section 805.8A, subsection 13](#), paragraph "b".

[2013 Acts, ch 47, §1](#)

Referred to in [§327F.39](#), [805.8A\(13\)\(b\)](#)