

House File 495 - Introduced

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BY SIECK

(COMPANION TO SF 25 BY SHIPLEY)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to railroad train length limits, and making
2 penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

unofficial

1 Section 1. Section 327D.3, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **327D.3 Duty to furnish cars and transport freight — railroad**
4 **train length limit.**

5 1. Every railway corporation shall upon receiving reasonable
6 notice, and within a reasonable time, furnish shall do all of the
7 following:

8 a. Furnish suitable cars to any and all persons who may apply
9 therefor, for use of such cars for the transportation of any and
10 all kinds of freight, and receive.

11 b. Receive and transport such freight with all reasonable
12 dispatch, and provide.

13 c. Provide and keep suitable facilities for the receiving and
14 handling thereof of all freight at any depot on the line of its
15 road.

16 2. A railway corporation shall not operate, or permit to be
17 operated, any freight or work railroad train that exceeds eight
18 thousand five hundred feet in length on any part of a railroad.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill limits the length of any freight or work railroad
23 train operated or permitted to be operated by a railway
24 corporation to 8,500 feet. Pursuant to Code section 327D.17, a
25 violation of the bill results in a schedule "four" penalty under
26 Code section 327C.5, which is a fine of not less than \$500 nor
27 more than \$5,000 per violation.

28 The bill makes organizational and conforming changes to Code
29 section 327D.3.