

HOUSE BILL 540

IN THE HOUSE

February 3, 1979

Introduced and referred to  
Committee on Labor and  
Employment Relations.

February 17, 1979

Committee recommend bill,  
do not pass.

Report adopted. Objection.

February 19, 1979

On motion taken from second  
reading and referred to Committee  
Labor and Employment Relations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

INTRODUCED BY *Manning, Meyers, Magana, Manuel, Kvaal, Smith, Schultz, Eason, Hunsicker, Dyer, Meyer*

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BUT NOT REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE, ENFORCE, REPORT, AND MAKE RULES CONCERNING RAILROAD SAFETY; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-14-115 AND 69-14-116, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 69-14-115, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-14-115. Investigation, enforcement, and report concerning railroad safety laws. (1) ~~it is hereby made the duty of the~~ the commission to ~~may~~ may:

(a) make inquiry into the observance by all railroads within this state of the laws of the United States and of Montana intended to safeguard the lives of the employees of persons or corporations engaged in operating the same;

(b) lay complaint before the proper officer, state or federal, of any infraction of any of such laws; and

(c) prosecute before the proper court or tribunal any person guilty of violation of the penal provisions thereof.

(2) Said commission shall in its annual report set out what effort it has made to carry out the provisions of this section, with the result thereof, and in detail what steps it has taken to procure to be prosecuted any violations of

any such acts of which it has secured information. A copy of this annual report shall be mailed to the secretary of the department of transportation."

Section 2. Section 69-14-116, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-14-116. General protection of health and safety on railroads. (1) ~~The commission shall have full authority~~ may:

(a) after notice and hearing, to make and enforce rules providing for the installation on and equipment of trains, cars, or engines with safety appliances and providing for sanitation and adequate shelter as it affects the health of all railroad employees, including but not limited to trainmen, engineers, yardmen, ~~maintenance-of-way~~ employees, highway crossing watchmen, and clerical, platform, freight house, and express employees; and

(b) to inspect the same and enforce regulations with regard thereto.

(2) Such inspection, rules, and regulations to be from time to time coextensive with the requirements of and in conformity to the provisions of the acts of congress and rules and regulations of the interstate commerce commission and the department of transportation, as then effective."

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INTRODUCED BILL