

Subject Rail safety inspection program

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Summary

This bill sets requirements for the state rail safety inspection program administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to monitor railroad safety and perform rail inspections. Among its provisions, the bill:

- directs MnDOT to set standard procedures to investigate complaints of rail safety noncompliance, under existing investigation and enforcement powers;
- directs state rail inspectors to enforce state statutes on rail and rail worker safety, following an investigation;
- provides for notification to affected rail carriers regarding reports and investigations of noncompliance with state rail safety regulations; and
- mandates that state rail safety inspectors are equipped with necessary measurement tools.

The bill is effective August 1, 2020.