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Overview

This bill mandates the use of detector systems on mainline track to monitor trains for potential defects as they pass by. It is effective January 1, 2025.

Summary

Section Description

1 [Adds § 219.382] Wayside detector systems.

Sets requirements for railroads to use wayside detector systems that monitor passing trains for some types of equipment defects. Effective January 1, 2025.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.

Subd. 2. Application. Makes the detector system requirements apply to Class I railroads as well as Class II or III railroads when transporting hazardous materials at over ten miles per hour.

Subd. 3. Wayside detector system requirements. Specifies placement requirements for wayside detector systems. Mandates inclusion of a hot bearings detector and a dragging equipment detector in the system.

Subd. 4. Defect notifications. Specifies procedures for response to a potential defect, including minimum travel speeds following a defect notification.

Subd. 5. Reports to commissioner. Requires annual reports by each railroad to the Minnesota Department of Transportation on their respective wayside detector systems.

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