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**Senate**

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**Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation**

**Assembly Bill 287**

Relating to: the minimum number of railroad employees required to be present in the cab of the lead control locomotive when the railroad train or locomotive is in motion.

By Representatives Hahn, Nerison, Pocan, Molepske, Hines, Mursau, Sherman, Musser, Lehman, Albers, Young and Turner; cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee, Breske, Hansen and Lassa.

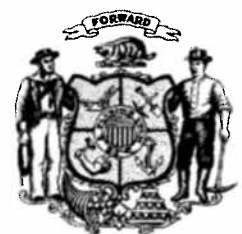
March 13, 2006      Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation.

May 4, 2006      Failed to concur pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Dan Johnson  
Committee Clerk

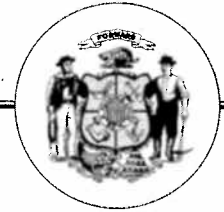


# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# EUGENE HAHN

State Representative • 47th Assembly District



March 15, 2006

Senator Neal Kedzie  
Assistant Majority Leader  
Room 15 South  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 7882  
Madison, WI 53707

Chair:

Assembly Committee  
on Rural Affairs

Senator Kedzie,

I am writing to respectfully request a public hearing on Assembly Bill 287 in the Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation at your earliest convenience.

The legislation closes a loophole in Wisconsin State Statutes 192.25, which requires two qualified railroad employees in the lead locomotive when it is operating in Wisconsin. Assembly Bill 287 will clarify the original intent of 1997 Act 42 by specifying that both crew members must be present in the controlling compartment of the locomotive.

Requiring a two-person crew will increase direct communication between the individuals running a freight train that carry in excess of 16,000 tons for shifts of 12 hours at a time. Most importantly, this legislation will help to insure a safe course of action is taken in the event of equipment failure, human error or physical incapacitation.

Currently, only one train in Wisconsin is in violation but railroads continue to want no state regulation and the option of using one person crews on any train. The Commissioner of Railroads has the authority to grant one person crews but due to safety concerns they have only been approved for a ballast train going to a quarry.

Again, I ask you to help improve the safety of our state's railroads by moving this bill through the committee. I thank you for your thoughtful consideration and look forward to hearing from you regarding this request in the near future.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene Hahn".

Eugene Hahn  
State Representative  
47<sup>th</sup> Assembly District