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HOUSE BILL 1300*

Short Title: Safe Walkways for Railroad Workers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Coates, Rapp (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Faison, Harrison, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Transportation.

April 5, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADOPT
RULES REQUIRING SAFE WALKWAYS FOR RAILROAD WORKERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 15 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended
by adding a new section to read:

"§ 136-99. Safe walkways for railroad workers.

The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules requiring safe walkways for
railroad workers in areas in which work is regularly performed on the ground. These
rules shall include, at a minimum, a requirement that any walkway:

- (1) Have a reasonably uniform surface;
- (2) Be maintained in a safe condition;
- (3) Be reasonably free of obstacles, debris, and other hazards; and
- (4) Be limited in the size of ballast used on the walkway."

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation shall adopt temporary rules
and initiate permanent rule making to implement Section 1 of this act within 90 days of
the date this act becomes law.

SECTION 3. The act is effective when it becomes law.