



AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To classify increased crew size and improved signage as appropriate actions under a speed limit action plan, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report that describes the actions that have been taken by railroad carriers in response to recent safety advisories issued by the Federal Railroad Administration, and for other purposes.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1626**

To reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, improve safety, streamline rail project delivery, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL

Viz:

1 In section 403(b)(2), insert “increased crew size, im-  
2 proved signage,” after “other signal systems,”.

3 In section 403(e), strike “(e)” and insert the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
7 a report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on  
2 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
3 resentatives that describes—

4           (1) the actions the railroad carriers have taken  
5           in response to Safety Advisory 2013–08, entitled  
6           “Operational Tests and Inspections for Compliance  
7           With Maximum Authorized Train Speeds and Other  
8           Speed Restrictions”;

9           (2) the actions the railroad carriers have taken  
10           in response to Safety Advisory 2015–03, entitled  
11           “Operational and Signal Modifications for Compli-  
12           ance with Maximum Authorized Passenger Train  
13           Speeds and Other Speed Restrictions”; and

14           (3) the actions the Federal Railroad Adminis-  
15           tration has taken to evaluate or incorporate the in-  
16           formation and findings arising from the safety  
17           advisories referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) into  
18           the development of regulatory action and oversight  
19           activities.

20           (f)

21           In section 406(a), strike “promulgate such regula-  
22           tions as the Secretary considers necessary to require” and  
23           insert “promulgate regulations to require, not later than  
24           18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,”.

1        In section 408(c), strike “2 years” and insert “18  
2 months”.

3        At the appropriate place, insert the following:

4        **SEC. . . . OPERATION DEEP DIVE; REPORT.**

5        (a) **PROGRESS REPORTS.**—Not later than 60 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly  
7 thereafter until the completion date, the Administrator of  
8 the Federal Railroad Administration shall submit a report  
9 to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
10 tation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation  
11 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives that  
12 describes the progress of Metro-North Commuter Railroad  
13 in implementing the directives and recommendations  
14 issued by the Federal Railroad Administration in its  
15 March 2014 report to Congress titled “Operation Deep  
16 Dive Metro-North Commuter Railroad Safety Assess-  
17 ment”.

18        (b) **FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than 30 days after  
19 the completion date, the Administrator of the Federal  
20 Railroad Administration shall submit a final report on the  
21 directives and recommendations to Congress.

22        (c) **DEFINED TERM.**—In this section, the term “com-  
23 pletion date” means the date on which Metro-North Com-

1. Inter-Railroad has completed all of the directives and rec-
2. ommendations referred to in subsection (a).