

State Corporation Commission 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB34

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Heretick

3. Committee: Commerce and Labor

4. Title: Railroads; freight train crew requirements, civil penalty.

5. Summary: Requires a train or light engine used in connection with the movement of railroad freight in the Commonwealth that shares the same rail corridor as a high-speed passenger or commuter train to operate with a crew of at least two individuals. Localities are prohibited from adopting an ordinance, order, or resolution in conflict with this requirement. The State Corporation Commission shall have discretion to fine a person willfully violating this requirement an amount not to exceed \$500 for a first offense and an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for a second offense or a subsequent offense. The measure has a sunset clause that provides that it will expire on the fifth day following the date that the Federal Railroad Administration issues a rule requiring two-person train crews on crude oil trains and establishing minimum crew size standards for most main line freight and passenger rail operations. The measure has a delayed effective date of October 1, 2018.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None on the State Corporation Commission

8. Fiscal Implications: None on the State Corporation Commission. Related duties would be handled by current Staff.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: State Corporation Commission

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: No