

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3034
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Impact:	creates a fine not to exceed \$10,000/violation

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute would prohibit the following acts:

- No railcar is permitted to stop in a position that blocks traffic for longer than 10 minutes;
- No railcar that is transporting explosive, flammable or hazardous material as defined by the Federal Railroad Administration is permitted to stop for longer than two hours on a bridge or overpass that is near a highway or street; and
- No railcar transporting explosive, flammable, or hazardous material as defined by the Federal Railroad Administration is permitted to stop for longer than two hours within 300 yards of a hospital, school, or multifamily or single-family residence.

Any individual or corporation that violates this provision will be fined up to \$10,000 per violation.

These prohibitions would not apply to a derailed railcar.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3034 in its current form prohibits certain actions by railcar operators, and imposes a fine of up to \$10,000 for each violation. The amount of fine revenue generated pursuant to the provisions of HB 3034 will be dependent upon the number of identified violations and initiated prosecutions associated with the measure.

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Other Considerations

None.