

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3481

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on duty hours for yardmaster employees, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. CARBAJAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Railroad Yardmaster  
5 Protection Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON DUTY HOURS OF YARDMASTER**  
7 **EMPLOYEES.**

8 (a) LIMITATIONS ON DUTY HOURS OF YARDMASTER  
9 EMPLOYEES.—Section 21103 of title 49, United States  
10 Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the heading of such section, by inserting  
 2 “**AND YARDMASTER EMPLOYEES**” after “**TRAIN**  
 3 **EMPLOYEES**”;

4 (2) by inserting “or yardmaster employee” after  
 5 “train employee” each place it appears; and

6 (3) in subsection (e), by inserting “or  
 7 yardmaster” after “During a train”.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 21101 of title 49, United  
 9 States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3) by inserting “a yardmaster  
 11 employee,” after “dispatching service employee,”;  
 12 and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(6) ‘yardmaster employee’ means an indi-  
 15 vidual responsible for supervising and coordi-  
 16 nating the control of trains and engines oper-  
 17 ating within a rail yard.”.

18 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 19 tions for chapter 211 of title 49, United States Code, is  
 20 amended by striking the item relating to section 21103  
 21 and inserting the following:

“21103. Limitations on duty hours of train employees and yardmaster employ-  
 ees.”.

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