

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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*Whereas, mobile camps are temporary facilities set up to house maintenance of way employees who travel throughout the country to perform maintenance and repair work on railroad tracks; and*

*Whereas, the Federal Railroad Administration has established guidelines for clean, safe, and sanitary railroad mobile camps in the Code of Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 228, Appendix C; and*

*Whereas, due to the temporary nature of the mobile railroad camps, oversight and inspection by federal resources is limited; and*

*Whereas, involvement of appropriate state and local*

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*agencies would help to address, in a more timely manner, health and safety issues for both the railroad maintenance of way employees and the residents of the communities in the area surrounding the mobile camps: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages the  
2 railroad companies, railroad employees and unions to work together to  
3 improve the health and safety of the mobile camps housing  
4 maintenance of way employees.

5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly urges ISDH, the  
6 IOSHA Division of the Indiana Department of Labor, and IDEM, to the  
7 extent allowed by current law, to inspect the mobile camps housing  
8 maintenance of way employees in Indiana for compliance with the  
9 health and safety guidelines.

10 SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly urges these  
11 agencies, in conjunction with the FRA, to make recommendations  
12 regarding legislative action needed to help promote more timely and  
13 effective enforcement of the health and safety guidelines for the mobile  
14 camps and to submit a report to the Legislative Council on or before  
15 November 1, 2005.

16 SECTION 4. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
17 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dr. Judy Monroe, Commissioner  
18 of the Indiana State Department of Health; Miguel Rivera, Sr.,  
19 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor; Thomas Easterly,  
20 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental  
21 Management; Jeffrey Bainter, Indiana Legislative Director of the  
22 Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees; and Robert Jamison,  
23 Administrator for the Federal Railroad Administration.

