

# Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1300

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## **SB 855 - Railroads - Safety Requirements (Maryland Railway Safety Act of 2025) Favorable**

Senate Finance Committee

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ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

As transit workers, we know first hand the importance of safety. Our primary responsibility is to get the riding public where they need to go safely. SB 855 introduces several reasonable rules on Maryland's railroad infrastructure that benefit riders, workers, and the surrounding community. It requires a two person crew, ensuring that there are actually additional workers available to respond to emergencies. It also bans trains longer than 8,500 feet in length.

Train incidents have become increasingly common. The public deserves a safe rail transportation system. Maryland needs a favorable report on SB 855.