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Proudly representing the transit workers of the MTA!



SB 156 - Railroads - Required Crew for Movement of Freight Favorable

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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 156 introduces 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.

Train incidents have become increasingly common. The public deserves a safe rail transportation system. Maryland needs a favorable report on SB 156.