

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE**  
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**OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS**

Strike section 9510 of division D and insert the following:

**1 SEC. 9510. SAFE CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 201 of  
3 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following:

**5 “SEC. 20174. CREW REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINS ORIGI-**  
**6 NATING IN OR DESTINED TO MEXICO.**

7 “(a) Trains originating in or destined to Mexico may  
8 be operated for distances of 20 air-miles or fewer from  
9 the intersection of the international border and the exist-  
10 ing rail border crossing or rail gateway only by crews com-  
11 prised of persons that are either a citizen or lawful perma-  
12 nent resident of the United States, or that meet all of the  
13 following requirements:

14 “(1) Have current Mexican passports and B1/  
15 B2 visas and have been granted clearance by U.S.  
16 Customs and Border Protection under the Free and  
17 Secure Trade Program (FAST), or other trusted

1 traveler/trusted shipper program administered by the  
2 Department of Homeland Security.

3 “(2) Are licensed by the Mexican government to  
4 operate trains in Mexico.

5 “(3) Are certified under locomotive engineer or  
6 conductor certification programs filed with the U.S.  
7 Federal Railroad Administration under parts 240  
8 and 242 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

9 “(4) Comply with United States hours of serv-  
10 ice requirements in chapter 211 of title 49, United  
11 States Code.

12 “(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, no train  
13 originating in or destined to Mexico may be operated in  
14 the United States for distances in excess of 20 air-miles  
15 from the intersection of the international border and the  
16 existing rail border crossing or rail gateway, unless by  
17 crews comprised entirely of citizens or lawful permanent  
18 residents of the United States.”.

19 (b) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
20 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
21 of Transportation shall issue such regulations as are nec-  
22 essary to carry out the amendments made by this Act.

23 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
24 for subchapter II of chapter 201 of title 49, United States  
25 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 20174. Crew requirements for trains originating in or destined to Mexico.”.

