AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Strike section 9510 of division D and insert the following:

SEC. 9510. SAFE CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS.

(a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 20174. CREW REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINS ORIGINATING IN OR DESTINED TO MEXICO.

“(a) Trains originating in or destined to Mexico may be operated for distances of 20 air-miles or fewer from the intersection of the international border and the existing rail border crossing or rail gateway only by crews comprised of persons that are either a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, or that meet all of the following requirements:

“(1) Have current Mexican passports and B1/B2 visas and have been granted clearance by U.S. Customs and Border Protection under the Free and Secure Trade Program (FAST), or other trusted
traveler/trusted shipper program administered by the Department of Homeland Security.

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

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

“(4) Comply with United States hours of service requirements in chapter 211 of title 49, United States Code.

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

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

(e) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subchapter II of chapter 201 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
“Sec. 20174. Crew requirements for trains originating in or destined to Mexico.”