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1	**** BILL NO. ****
2	INTRODUCED BY ****
3	BY REQUEST OF THE ****
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A RAILROAD TRACK INSPECTION PROGRAM;
6	CREATING RAILROAD TRACK REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION;
7	PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 69-14-111, MCA; PROVIDING A DELAYED
8	EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12	Section 1. Section 69-14-111, MCA, is amended to read:
13	"69-14-111. Supervision of railroads. (1) The commission shall supervise railroads subject to the
14	provisions of this chapter.
15	(2) The commission may:
16	(a) adopt or enforce regulations and orders related to railroad safety or security in accordance with 49
17	U.S.C. 20106;
18	(b) bring civil action in a district court for violations of federal railroad safety regulations in accordance
19	with 49 U.S.C. 20113;
20	(c) operate a railroad inspection program that employs:
21	(i) <u>3 motive power and equipment inspectors;</u>
22	(ii) <u>2 railroad track inspectors;</u>
23	(iii) 1 operating practice inspector; and
24	(iv) necessary additional staff to administer the program; and
25	(d) participate in investigative and surveillance activities in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 20105."
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27	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$300,000 from the state
28	general fund to the department of public service regulation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the

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purposes described in [section 1]. 1 2 (2) The appropriation must be used to pay for the salary of railroad track inspection employees and 3 to complete the duties described in [section 1]. 4 5 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Sections 1 through 2] are intended to be 6 codified as an integral part of Title 69, chapter 14, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter 14, apply to [sections 7 1 through 2]. 8 9 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2025.

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