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S. 3265

To improve rail passenger safety by prohibiting individuals convicted of driving under the influence from holding a license or certification authorizing them to operate a commuter train.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISQUALIFICATION OF COMMUTER TRAIN OP-**
4 **ERATORS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF**
5 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.**

6 Section 20135 of title 49, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and
2 (6) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

3 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
4 following:

5 “(5) shall prohibit the issuance of a license or
6 certification authorizing the holder to operate a com-
7 muter train to any individual whose motor vehicle
8 operator’s license was denied, canceled, revoked, or
9 suspended by a State within the most recent 5-year
10 period due to an offense described in section
11 30304(a)(3)(A);

12 “(6) shall revoke the license or certification au-
13 thORIZING the holder to operate a commuter train of
14 any individual described in paragraph (5);”;

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(e) EFFECT ON STATE OR COMMUTER RAILROAD
17 STANDARDS.—Nothing in this section may be construed
18 to prohibit a State or a commuter railroad from imple-
19 menting standards for commuter train operators that are
20 more stringent than the requirements set forth in sub-
21 section (b).”.

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