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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to safe walkways for railroad workers and making  
2 penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 327F.21 RAILROAD WORKER  
2 WALKWAYS.

3 1. The state department of transportation shall adopt  
4 rules requiring the provision of safe walkways for railroad  
5 workers in areas where work is regularly performed on the  
6 ground. The rules shall provide, at a minimum, that any  
7 railroad walkway have a reasonably uniform surface, be  
8 maintained in a safe condition, and be reasonably free of  
9 obstacles, debris, and other hazards.

10 2. Violation of a rule adopted under this section is, upon  
11 conviction, subject to a schedule "one" penalty as provided  
12 under section 327C.5.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that the department of transportation  
15 shall adopt rules providing for safe walkways for railroad  
16 workers in areas where work is regularly performed. The bill  
17 provides that a violation of a rule adopted concerning  
18 walkways shall be subject to a penalty of \$100 per violation  
19 pursuant to Code section 327C.5.

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