

5278-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Haugen and Oke)

Brief Description: Clarifying authority over hazardous materials inspections.

**SB 5278-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a commission employee certified by the federal railroad administration to perform hazardous materials inspections may enter the property of any business that receives, ships, or offers for shipment hazardous materials by rail, or that manufactures, marks, maintains, reconditions, repairs, or tests containers that are represented, marked, certified, or sold for use in the transportation of hazardous materials by rail. Entry shall be at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

Declares that the purpose of such entry is limited to performing inspections, investigations, or surveillance of facilities, equipment, records, and operations relating to the packaging, loading, or transportation of hazardous materials by rail, pursuant only to the state participation program outlined in Title 49 of the code of federal regulations.