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HOUSE BILL            ***1104-FN***  
AN ACT                relative to railroad motorcars.  
SPONSORS:            Rep. Coffey, Hills 25  
COMMITTEE:           Fish and Game and Marine Resources

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ANALYSIS

This bill includes railroad motorcars as off highway recreational vehicles.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

AN ACT                   relative to railroad motorcars.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           39:1 New Paragraph; Off Highway Recreational Vehicles; Definition; Railroad Motorcar. Amend  
2 RSA 215-A:1 by inserting after paragraph XXII the following new paragraph:

3           XXIII. "Railroad motorcar," also known as section car, track car, and putt putt, means any  
4 vehicle propelled by mechanical power with flanged wheels that is designed and specifically  
5 manufactured for use on standard railroad tracks, and that does not exceed 70 inches in width and  
6 1950 pounds.

7           39:2 New Paragraph; OHRV Operation and License; Railroad Motorcars. Amend RSA 215-A:29  
8 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

9           XX.(a) No person shall operate a railroad motorcar on railroad tracks for recreational  
10 purposes that has not been approved by the department of resources and economic development,  
11 bureau of trails, and the department of transportation, bureau of rail and transit.

12           (b) No person shall operate a railroad motorcar under subparagraph (a) at a speed in  
13 excess of 10 miles per hour.

14           (c) Notwithstanding RSA 215-A:21, II, no registration shall be required for a railroad  
15 motorcar that is operated on railroad tracks which are privately owned or which are under an  
16 exclusive lease agreement with the state of New Hampshire where the lease holder is the only  
17 authorized user of the track and the railroad motorcar operator has the track owner's or track  
18 lessee's permission.

19           39:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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21 Approved: May 27, 2014  
22 Effective Date: July 1, 2014