

**235.04 OVERLOADING GRAIN CARS.**

A railway company shall place painted lines inside each of its cars used for the carriage of grain indicating the height to which the various kinds of grain may be loaded in that car. No car may be loaded with a kind of grain above its appropriate line. The person loading a car shall state in the bill of lading, before it is signed by the agent of the railway company, that the car is loaded to or below the line, and the railway agent, before signing the bill, shall verify the statement. A signed bill of lading is prima facie evidence of the loading, and no charges for loading in excess of the quantity so limited may be made against that car.

A railway company that fails to equip a car in accordance with this section may not collect charges for the transportation of grain in the car above the regular tariff rates for carload lots. A person who loads a car above the appropriate line and an agent of a railway company who refuses to sign a bill of lading is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$25.

**History:** (5083) *RL s 2099; 1989 c 197 art 5 s 1*