

forthwith, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 542 of the acts of 1948, as amended by section 1 of chapter 549 of the acts of 1950, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 20, the word "fifty-one" and inserting in place thereof the word: — fifty-two, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* Upon its organization the youth service board established by section sixty-four of chapter six of the General Laws, as inserted by section two of chapter three hundred and ten of the acts of the current year, hereinafter called the board, shall forthwith establish in the city of Boston for use during the limited period hereinafter specified, one or more places of custody which shall be completely separate from any lockup, police station or house of detention in said city, which shall be used solely for the temporary care, custody and study, under sections sixty-six, sixty-seven and sixty-eight of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the General Laws, of delinquent and wayward children between the time of their arrest or taking into custody and the final disposition of their case, and shall be maintained by the board until the board has developed a program for the care, custody and study of such children between the time of their arrest or taking into custody and the final disposition of their case; but in no event shall said place or places of custody be maintained longer than July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 542 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2, as amended by section 2 of said chapter 549, and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 2.* For establishing and maintaining a place or places of custody under this act, the board may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Not later than October first in each of the years nineteen hundred and fifty-one and nineteen hundred and fifty-two, the board shall certify to the state treasurer the total amount expended by it under this act during the preceding fiscal year. One half of such amount shall be assessed on the city of Boston as provided by section twenty of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL LIABILITY OF PERSONS OWNING OR CONTROLLING REAL ESTATE OR OTHER PREMISES USED FOR CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTERS.

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Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to relieve persons owning or controlling real estate or other premises used for civil defense purposes from civil liability under certain circumstances, and to assure adequate civil defense protection, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 639 of the acts of 1950 is hereby amended by inserting after section 12 the following section: — *Section 12A.* Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants to a city or town a license or privilege, or otherwise permits a city or town, to inspect, designate and use the whole or any part or parts of such real estate or premises for the purpose of sheltering persons during an actual, impending or mock enemy attack shall, together with his successors in interests, if any, not be civilly liable for negligently causing the death of, or injury to, any person, or for loss of, or damage to, the property of such person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege or other permission; and section fifteen of chapter one hundred and eighty-six of the General Laws shall not be deemed to apply to any agreement granting such license or privilege or to such other permission, whether such agreement is executed, or such other permission is given, before or after the effective date of this section.

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Chap.461 AN ACT CHANGING THE DESIGN OF RAILROAD WARNING SIGNS AT GRADE CROSSINGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 160, § 142, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 142 of chapter 160 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second and third sentences, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 584 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following: — The signs shall consist of a metal disc thirty inches in diameter, the field thereof to be enamelled yellow, with an enamelled black border line five eighths of an inch wide, set in three eighths of an inch from the edge of the sign, and with an enamelled black diagonal cross in lines three inches wide; the reverse side of the disc to be colored yellow. In each of the side quarterings shall appear, in black enamel, the letter "R", seven inches high, five and nine sixteenths inches wide, the lines to be of one and three sixteenths inches stroke., — so as to read as follows: — *Section 142.* Every county, city and town shall, except as hereinafter provided, and the department of public works shall, unless in any case it deems it unnecessary or impracticable so to do, place and maintain warning signs on every public way subject to its jurisdiction, where the way crosses the tracks of a railroad at grade. The signs shall consist of a metal disc thirty inches in diameter, the field thereof to be enamelled yellow, with an enamelled black border line five eighths of an inch wide, set in three eighths of an inch from the edge of the sign, and with an enamelled black diagonal cross in lines three inches wide; the reverse side of the disc to be colored yellow. In each of the side quarterings shall appear, in black enamel, the letter "R", seven inches high, five and nine sixteenths inches wide,

Design of railroad warning signs.