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By Mr. Greene of Boston, petition of George Greene relative to the operation of motor vehicles at railroad grade crossings. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 26 of the  
3 acts of 1933, is hereby further amended by striking out,  
4 in the fifth line, the word "cautiously" and inserting  
5 in place thereof the words: — with due care, — so as  
6 to read as follows: — *Section 15.* Except as herein-  
7 after otherwise provided, every person operating a  
8 motor vehicle, upon approaching a railroad crossing at  
9 grade, shall reduce the speed of the vehicle to a reason-  
10 able and proper rate, and shall proceed with due care  
11 over the crossing. Every person operating a school  
12 bus, or any motor vehicle carrying explosive sub-  
13 stances or inflammable liquids as a cargo, or part of a  
14 cargo, upon approaching a railroad crossing at grade,  
15 shall bring his vehicle to a full stop not more than

16 seventy-five feet from the nearest track of said rail-  
17 road, and shall not proceed to cross said railroad until  
18 he is satisfied that it is safe to do so. Whoever violates  
19 any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine  
20 of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.