

HOUSE No. 688

By Mr. Murphy of Peabody, petition of John E. Murphy for amendment of the law relative to operation of motor vehicles while approaching grade crossings of railroads. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act relative to the Operation of Motor Vehicles at
Railroad 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 fifteen of chapter ninety of the General
2 Laws, as amended by section one of chapter twenty-
3 six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three,
4 is hereby further amended by striking out the word
5 "cautiously" in the fifth line and inserting in place
6 thereof the words:— at a reasonable and proper
7 rate of speed, — so as to read as follows:— *Section*
8 *15.* Except as hereinafter otherwise provided, every
9 person operating a motor vehicle, upon approaching
10 a railroad crossing at grade, shall reduce the speed
11 of the vehicle to a reasonable and proper rate, and
12 shall proceed at a reasonable and proper rate of
13 speed over the crossing. Every person operating a
14 school bus, or any motor vehicle carrying explosive

15 substances or inflammable liquids as a cargo, or
16 part of a cargo, upon approaching a railroad crossing
17 at grade, shall bring his vehicle to a full stop not
18 more than seventy-five feet from the nearest track
19 of said railroad, and shall not proceed to cross said
20 railroad until he is satisfied that it is safe to do so.
21 Whoever violates any provision of this section shall
22 be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more
23 than fifty dollars.