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Accompanying the third recommendation of the Department of Public Utilities (House, No. 60). Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EQUIPPING WITH REFLECTOR BUTTONS THE WARNING SIGNS WHERE PUBLIC WAYS CROSS AT GRADE THE TRACKS OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.

*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 one hundred and forty-two of chapter one  
2 hundred and sixty of the General Laws is hereby  
3 amended by inserting in the twelfth line of said sec-  
4 tion, after the word "stroke", the following sentence:  
5 — The department of public utilities may, in respect  
6 to any such public way, after notice and hearing, by  
7 order require that said signs shall also be equipped  
8 with reflector buttons,— so that said section as  
9 amended shall read as follows: — *Section 142.* Every  
10 county, city and town shall, except as hereinafter  
11 provided, and the department of public works shall,  
12 unless in any case it deems it unnecessary or imprac-  
13 ticable so to do, place and maintain warning signs on  
14 every public way subject to its jurisdiction, where  
15 the way crosses the tracks of a railroad at grade.

16 The signs shall consist of a metal disc twenty-four  
17 inches in diameter, the field thereof to be enamelled  
18 yellow, with an enamelled black border line one  
19 inch wide, and with an enamelled black perpendicu-  
20 lar and horizontal crossline two and one half inches  
21 wide; the reverse side of the disc to be colored yellow.  
22 In each of the upper quarterings shall appear, in black  
23 enamel, the letter "R", five inches high, three and  
24 three quarter inches wide, the lines to be of one inch  
25 stroke. The department of public utilities may, in  
26 respect to any such public way, after notice and  
27 hearing, by order require that said signs shall also  
28 be equipped with reflector buttons. The said signs  
29 shall be placed in conspicuous situations beside the  
30 public way, on each side of the crossing, and at a  
31 distance of not less than three hundred feet from the  
32 nearest rail of the crossing.