

HOUSE No. 757

Bill accompanying the petition of William A. Bellamy and another for legislation relative to blocking or obstructing of crossings by railroad corporations. Railroads. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To further regulate the Wilful Obstruction of Grade Crossings by Railroad Corporations.

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 fifty-five of the acts of
2 the year nineteen hundred and six, is hereby amended
3 by adding at the end of said section the following:
4 — One half of said fine shall inure to the com-
5 plainant, — so that said section when amended shall
6 read:— *Section 155.* A railroad corporation, or re-
7 ceiver, or assignee thereof, or its or his servant or
8 agent, shall not wilfully or negligently obstruct or un-
9 necessarily or unreasonably use or occupy a highway,
10 townway or street, or in any case obstruct, use or
11 occupy it with cars or engines for more than five
12 minutes at one time; and if a highway, townway or

13 street, has been thus used or occupied with cars or
14 engines, the railroad corporation, or receiver or assignee
15 thereof, shall not again use or occupy it with the cars
16 or engines of a freight train, until a sufficient time,
17 not less than three minutes, has been allowed for the
18 passage across the railroad of such travellers as were
19 ready and waiting to cross when the former occupation
20 ceased. A railroad corporation, receiver, or assignee
21 thereof, who violates the provisions of this section,
22 shall forfeit one hundred dollars. One-half of said fine
23 shall inure to the complainant.