

By Mr. Rea of Billerica (by request), petition of Guy Rasmarin for legislation to establish a highway/railroad crossing maintenance fund. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREATION OF A HIGHWAY/RAILROAD CROSSING MAINTENANCE FUND.

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

1 Chapter 161C is hereby amended by adding the following new
2 section: —

3 Section 8. The Executive Office is hereby authorized and
4 directed to enter into contract service agreements with Railroad
5 corporations to provide funding for the maintenance and
6 improvement of highway and railroad grade crossing signal
7 systems in the interest of public safety.

8 To carry out the provisions of this section, the State Treasurer
9 shall create a fund to be known as the “Highway/Railroad
10 Crossing Maintenance Fund”. Proceeds from the fund shall be
11 made available by the General Court to the Executive Office of
12 Transportation and Construction for the reimbursement to
13 railroads for the maintenance of these signal systems. The
14 Executive Office may by interagency agreement with the
15 Department of Public Utilities monitor the required maintenance
16 programs by the railroad companies.

