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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 18, 1890.

The committee on Railroads, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 163 of chapter 112 of the Public Statutes relating to locomotive whistling at grade crossings, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

J. W. KIMBALL.

Mr. BULLOCK of Fall River, of the House, dissenting.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

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### AN ACT

To amend Section One Hundred and Sixty-three of Chapter One Hundred and Twelve of the Public Statutes relative to Signals at 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 1. Section one hundred and sixty-  
2 three of chapter one hundred and twelve of the  
3 Public Statutes is hereby amended by inserting  
4 after the word "or" in the fourth line, the words  
5 "at least three separate and distinct blasts of,"  
6 so that said section shall read as follows:—  
7 *Sect. 163.* Every railroad corporation shall  
8 cause a bell of at least thirty-five pounds in  
9 weight, and a steam-whistle, to be placed on each  
10 locomotive engine passing upon its road; and  
11 such bell shall be rung, or at least three separate  
12 and distinct blasts of such whistle sounded at the  
13 distance of at least eighty rods from the place

14 where the road crosses upon the same level any  
15 highway, town way or travelled place over which  
16 a signboard is required to be maintained as pro-  
17 vided in the two following sections; and such  
18 bell shall be rung or such whistle sounded con-  
19 tinuously or alternately until the engine has  
20 crossed such way or travelled place.

1    SECT. 2. Nothing in this act contained shall  
2 be construed to effect the authority now vested  
3 in the board of railroad commissioners regarding  
4 signals at grade crossings.

