

By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1783) of Steven A. Tolman, Cheryl A. Jacques, Emile J. Goguen and other members of the General Court for legislation to require certain safety devices in the controlling compartments of all railroad locomotives operated within the Commonwealth. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN SAFETY DEVICES IN THE CONTROLLING COMPARTMENT OF ALL RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVES OPERATED WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 One Hundred and Sixty of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 176A the following new
3 section:—

4 Section 176B. Every railroad corporation and railway company
5 shall equip the controlling cab compartment of every locomotive,
6 engine, and control car with a safety device generally known as an
7 alerter, a deadman control, or any similar feature which assures
8 that the locomotive engineer is alert or not physically incapacitated.
9 Such safety devices provide visual or audible warning
10 alarms to the locomotive engineer and will apply the locomotive
11 and train brakes in the event the locomotive engineer is incapacitated.
12 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary
13 for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

