

HOUSE No. 1213

Bill accompanying the petition of Herbert E. King and others for legislation to provide that the Commonwealth, its cities and its towns be relieved of the cost of the abolition of grade crossings. Railroads. February 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

AN ACT

Relative to the Abolition of 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. In cases where a grade crossing is
2 abolished according to the provisions of law there-
3 for, the whole cost of the abolition and all expenses
4 incidental thereto shall be paid by the railroad com-
5 pany or companies concerned, except that in cases
6 where a street railway company also uses the grade
7 crossing such company shall pay fifteen per cent
8 of the cost. In case a city or town petitions for
9 the abolition of a grade crossing, the city or town
10 shall pay such amount not exceeding five per cent
11 of the cost of the abolition of the grade crossing

12 and of the expenses incident thereto as the commis-
 13 sioners having the matter in charge may deter-
 14 mine, and the commonwealth shall pay twenty-five
 15 per cent of the same except that any street railway
 16 company, which also uses the grade crossing, shall
 17 pay fifteen per cent of the said cost and expenses,
 18 the same to be deducted from the twenty-five per
 19 cent otherwise payable by the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
 2 passage.

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