

HOUSE No. 345.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 1888.

The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relating to the protection of grade crossings by electric signals, report, recommending the substitution of the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOHN F. BROWN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight.

AN ACT

To amend an Act to promote Safety at Railroad 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. Chapter one hundred and seven-
2 teen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
3 eighty-three is hereby amended to read as fol-
4 lows: At any point where a highway, townway
5 or travelled place is crossed at the same level by
6 a railroad, the board of railroad commissioners
7 may, after notice to and hearing of the railroad
8 corporation whose road so crosses, direct in
9 writing that gates shall be erected across said
10 way or place, and that an agent be stationed to
11 open and close such gates when an engine or
12 train passes, or that a flagman be stationed at the
13 crossing, who shall display a flag whenever an

14 engine or train passes, or that such crossing be
15 furnished with such electric signal or signals as
16 they shall decide the better security of human
17 life or the convenience of the public travel re-
18 quires, and the corporation shall comply with such
19 order.

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

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

EDWARD A. McLAUGHLIN, *Clerk.*

