

By Mr. Sullivan of Braintree, petition of Joseph C. Sullivan, Martin J. Walsh and others for legislation to require controlling cab compartments of locomotives to be equipped with an engineer monitoring safety device. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN SAFETY EQUIPMENT 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 160 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 176A the following new section:—

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

