

HOUSE No. 88

Accompanying the sixth recommendation of the Department of Public Utilities (House, No. 82). Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROTECTION OF RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND TRAVELLED PLACES.

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 one hundred and forty-seven of chapter
2 one hundred and sixty of the General Laws, Ter-
3 centenary Edition, line eight, is hereby amended by
4 inserting after the word "signal" the following words:
5 — or any other device, or form of protection, — so
6 that said section as amended shall read as follows:—
7 *Section 147.* The department, after notice to a rail-
8 road corporation whose railroad crosses a public way
9 or traveled place at the same level, and a hearing,
10 may direct in writing that gates shall be erected at
11 said crossing across said way or place and that an
12 agent be stationed thereat to open and close such
13 gates when an engine or train passes, or that a flag-
14 man be stationed at the crossing, who shall display a
15 flag when an engine or train passes, or that such

16 crossing shall be provided with such an electric sig-
17 nal, or any other device, or form of protection as the
18 department determines the better security of human
19 life or the convenience of public travel requires, and
20 the corporation shall comply with such order.