

HOUSE No. 5239

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 10, 1988.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1387) of Philip Travis, Angelo M. Scaccia, Daniel J. Ranieri, William Constantino, Jr., and William R. Keating for legislation to require the installation of stop arms on school buses, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5239) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL W. MORRISSEY.

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP ARMS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

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 7B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking
3 out clause (11) and inserting in place thereof the following
4 clause: —

5 Clause (11). Type I and Type II school buses purchased, leased
6 or contracted after January 1, 1989 for use in this state shall be
7 equipped with an octagonal stop warning device incorporating
8 alternately flashing red lights approved by the registrar and
9 mounted in accordance with the registrar's regulations upon the
10 left side and shall only be activated to extend outward when
11 picking up or discharging school pupils. Such device, when fully
12 extended, shall not protrude more than twenty-two inches
13 outward from the left side of the body. The use of such a device
14 shall not be construed as increasing the width of such bus beyond
15 the limits prescribed by Section 19. The Registrar shall establish
16 rules and regulations providing for a certification process for the
17 installation of stop arms. Further, all Type I and II school buses
18 must be equipped with the aforementioned stop arms no later than
19 January 1, 1994.