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Introduced by M. of A. ABINANTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- advanced to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to direct the department of transportation to conduct a study of level grade rail crossings

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The department of transportation shall, in consultation  
2     with the metropolitan transportation authority, the department of motor  
3     vehicles, the division of state police, the governor's traffic safety  
4     committee, local governments, and any other department, division, board,  
5     bureau, commission, agency or public authority of the state or any political  
6     subdivision thereof deemed necessary by the commissioner of transportation,  
7     conduct a statewide study of highway-railroad grade crossings  
8     to determine whether adequate safety measures exist to prevent collisions  
9     between trains and motor vehicles. Such study shall include, but  
10    not be limited to, the design and safety of highway-railroad grade  
11    crossings and the feasibility of implementing design changes to increase  
12    safety and to reduce the likelihood of obstruction at such grade crossings;  
13    adequacy of traffic and pedestrian warning signals; the availability of federal  
14    funding for highway-railroad grade crossing improvement projects; and the  
15    feasibility of equipping passenger and commuter trains with technology to  
16    increase safety. Furthermore, the study shall include data on highway-railroad  
17    grade crossing accidents and incidents that have occurred within the state on  
18    an annual basis over the past five years. The commissioner of transportation  
19    shall, on or before April 1, 2017, submit a report of such study, including  
20    detailed recommendations and findings, to the governor, the temporary  
21    president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the  
22    senate transportation

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 committee, the chair of the assembly transportation committee and the  
2 chair of the assembly corporations, authorities and commissions commit-  
3 tee.  
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.