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Introduced by M. of A. ABINANTI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

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:

Section 1. The department of transportation, in consultation with the metropolitan transportation authority, the governor's traffic safety committee, local government stakeholders, and any other agency or group the department of transportation deems necessary to enlist the aid of, shall conduct a statewide study of level grade rail crossings to determine whether adequate safety measures exist to prevent collisions. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, design and safety of level grade crossings and the feasibility of implementing design changes to increase safety and to reduce the likelihood of obstruction at crossings; adequacy of traffic and pedestrian warning signals; Federal funding available for rail safety improvement projects; and the feasibility of equipping passenger and commuter trains with technology to increase safety. The department of transportation is authorized to conduct any necessary hearings. Furthermore, the study shall include data on level grade rail crossings considered to be the most dangerous through the state as defined by the participants in the study.

S 2. The commissioner of transportation shall issue a report to the governor and the legislature with detailed recommendations and findings on or before April 1, 2016.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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