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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

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
14 of federal funding for highway-railroad grade crossing improvement
15 projects; and the feasibility of equipping passenger and commuter trains
16 with technology to increase safety. Furthermore, the study shall include
17 data on highway-railroad grade crossing accidents and incidents that
18 have occurred within the state on an annual basis over the past five
19 years. The commissioner of transportation shall, on or before April 1,
20 2016, submit a report of such study, including detailed recommendations
21 and findings, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate,
22 the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate transportation
23 committee, the chair of the assembly transportation committee and the
24 chair of the assembly corporations, authorities and commissions committee.
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26 S 2. 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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