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

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

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committee, the chair of the assembly transportation committee and the chair of the assembly corporations, authorities and commissions committee.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.