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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2999

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shawn Dooley

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing school zones for locomotives.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*	*1/10/2019*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Michael J. Soter	*8th Worcester*	*1/27/2019*

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2999) of Shawn Dooley, Paul R. Feeney and Michael J. Soter relative to establishing school zone speed limits for locomotives. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3420* OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act establishing school zones for locomotives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 160 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 19 the following section:-

Section 19A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a city or town may, by vote of the city council or other legislative body of a city, or town meeting or other legislative body of a town, establish designated school zones as provided in section 2 of chapter 85 for passenger and freight locomotive engines operating on railroads within the city or town, and may set speed limits for locomotives operating in said zones at a rate of speed not to exceed 20 miles per hour; provided, however, that no such designation or speed limit shall be effective until the city or town; (i) notifies any railroad corporation with a railroad running through the designated zone of such designation and speed limit, and (ii) erects signs indicating such

designation and speed limit, in a manner consistent with the department of highways' current manual on uniform traffic control devices and said department's sample regulation for a standard municipal traffic code, at such points as said department and the effected railroad corporations, acting jointly, may designate. No railroad corporation, including the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, shall permit a passenger or freight locomotive to operate on a railroad at a rate of speed greater than the rate posted while traveling through a designated school zone in a city or town. Cities and towns shall be responsible for the cost of erecting and maintaining signs pursuant to this section.