

## CHAPTER 294.

AN ACT to protect lives and property of persons at railroad crossings over public highways.

SECTION. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever the several railroads of this State, operated by steam, shall cross any public highway at grade outside the corporate limits of the cities, and any such highway shall be believed to be of such a character as to render the passage of locomotives and trains thereon dangerous to life and property, it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the county in which such point of crossing shall be located, to notify the company owning or operating the railroad at such point, by serving a written notice on the superintendent or other agent of such railroad company in said county, that the said County Commissioners will, thirty days thereafter, consider the necessity of further protection against danger at said crossing; and if after the expiration of said thirty days said County Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall determine that such protection is necessary, they shall notify said railroad company through its superintendent or ticket agent in said county, that within sixty days thereafter, said railroad company shall either place a flagman at said crossing, whose duty it shall be to give timely notice to all persons using said crossing, of the approach of all locomotives or trains, or a system of electric alarm bells, to give such notice at approach of trains, or shall erect safety-gates at said crossing which shall be closed not less than one-half minute before the passage and during the passage of every railroad train or locomotive across said highway; or shall change the said grade crossing, so as to pass said highway with an under or over grade crossing, in which case neither a flagman nor safety-gate shall be required.

To notify.

Flagman.