



House of Representatives

File No. 673

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6126
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 29, 2011

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BICYCLISTS TO CROSS THE HOUSATONIC RAILROAD AT GRADE IN NEW MILFORD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Bicyclists shall be authorized to
2 cross, via a bicycle path, the Housatonic Railroad at grade crossing
3 located in Sega Meadows Park in New Milford, upon the acceptance of
4 the following terms and conditions by the town of New Milford, by the
5 affirmative vote of a majority of its legislative body: (1) The use of the
6 crossing and the Housatonic Railroad shall be subject to the
7 protections set forth in sections 52-557f to 52-557i, inclusive, of the
8 general statutes; (2) the authorization for the crossing shall exclude
9 motorized vehicles; (3) crossbucks shall be installed at the crossing
10 prior to its use, by the town of New Milford, at its expense; and (4) the
11 crossing shall be constructed and maintained by the town of New
12 Milford, at its expense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
New Milford	One-time	\$50 to \$100	None

Explanation

There is a one-time cost of \$50 to \$100 to the town of New Milford to purchase and install railroad crossing signs, one for each side, if it chooses to approve a bicycle path across the Housatonic Railroad tracks located within Sega Meadows Park.

House "A" struck the underlying bill which removed the requirement that New Milford shall post signs at the railroad crossing.

The Out Years

There is no on-going cost.

Sources: USA Traffic Signs, Binghamton, NY 13905

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/18/2011)