

**Sec. 13b-376. Operation Lifesaver Committee. Appointments. Duties. Regulations.** (a) There is established an Operation Lifesaver Committee which shall be within the Department of Transportation for administrative purposes only. The committee shall establish an operation lifesaver program designed to reduce the number of accidents at railway crossings and to increase the public awareness of railroad crossing hazards. Said committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Transportation or his designee, the Commissioner of Education or his designee, and the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee, and six members appointed as follows: Two representatives of civic organizations, one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, a representative of the railroad industry appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, a representative of a parent teacher association appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, a representative of a local law enforcement agency appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives and a local government official appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. The Commissioner of Transportation shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall meet at such times as it deems necessary.

(b) The Operation Lifesaver Committee shall: (1) Administer and operate the operation lifesaver program; (2) establish committees to promote the program on the local level; (3) educate the public with information designed to reduce the number of accidents, deaths and injuries at railroad and at-grade crossings; (4) encourage state and local law enforcement agencies to vigorously enforce the law governing motorist and pedestrian rights and responsibilities; (5) encourage the development of engineering and safety improvements; (6) encourage the maintenance of railroad and at-grade crossings; (7) make recommendations to the General Assembly implementing the purposes of the committee. The committee shall annually review its progress and submit its findings and recommendation to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

(c) The Department of Transportation may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section.

(P.A. 92-98, S. 1—3.)

See Sec. 4-38f for definition of "administrative purposes only".

**Sec. 4-38f. "Administrative purposes only", defined. Agencies assigned to departments for administrative purposes only; agencies' powers; departments' duties.** (a) An agency assigned to a department for administrative purposes only shall: (1) Exercise any quasi-judicial, rule-making or regulatory authority, licensing and policy-making functions which it may have independent of such department and without approval or control of the department; (2) prepare its budget, if any, and submit its budgetary requests through the department; and (3) hire its own personnel or enter into contracts, if authorized by law, or if the general assembly provides or authorizes the expenditure of funds therefor. (b) The department to which an agency is assigned for administrative purposes only shall: (1) Provide record keeping, reporting, and related administrative and clerical functions for the agency to the extent deemed necessary by the department head; (2) disseminate for the agency any required notices, rules or orders adopted, amended or repealed by the agency; (3) provide staff for the agency subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section; and (4) include in the departmental budget the agency's budgetary request, if any, as a separate part of said budget and exactly as prepared and submitted to the department by the agency.

(P.A. 77-614, S. 8, 610.)

Cited. 193 C. 379, 381.

Cited. 3 CA 464, 467.

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AMENDMENT

LCO No. 2365

General Assembly

February Session, A.D., 1992

Offered by SEN. MEOTTI, 4th DIST.

To Subst. Senate Bill No. 262      File No. 146      Cal. No. 0152

Entitled

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPERATION LIFESAVER PROGRAM AND COMMITTEE."

Strike lines 45 to 60, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 4. The department of transportation, in conjunction with railroad companies operating in Connecticut, shall within available appropriations, conduct a study of matters relating to railroads and at-grade railroad crossings. Such study shall include: (1) The operation, installation and removal of at-grade railroad crossings; (2) the effect of vandalism of at-grade railroad crossings and railroad property; (3) the effect and prevention of trespassing on railroad property and (4) the use and effect of train whistle signals at railroad crossings."

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General Assembly

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SEN. MORTON, 23rd DIST.; SEN. MUSTONE, 13th DIST.

SEN. JOHNSTON, 29th DIST.; SEN. SULLIVAN, 5th DIST.

SEN. JEPSEN, 27th DIST.

To Subst. Senate Bill No. 262      File No. 146      Cal. No. 152

Entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPERATION LIFESAVER PROGRAM AND COMMITTEE."

In line 12, after "appointed" strike "by the" and insert in lieu thereof "as follows: two representatives of civic organizations one appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, a representative of the railroad industry appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, a representative of a parent teacher association appointed by the majority leader of the senate, a representative of a local law enforcement agency appointed by the majority leader of the house of representatives and a local government official appointed by the minority leader of the senate."

Delete lines 13 to 15, inclusive, in their entirety.

In line 16, strike "officials."