AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - IDLING

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Conley, and McKenney
Date Introduced: January 22, 2020
Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections 31-16.1-1 and 31-16.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-16.1 entitled "Idling" are hereby amended to read as follows:

31-16.1-1. Purpose.
The purposes of this chapter are to protect health and the environment by reducing air emissions and to conserve fuel by restricting the unnecessary operation of diesel engines.

No person shall on or after July 1, 2007, cause, allow or permit the unnecessary operation of a diesel engine vehicle while said vehicle is stopped for a period of time in excess of five (5) consecutive minutes in any sixty (60) minute period unless exempted pursuant to regulations adopted by the department of environmental management. Failure to operate the diesel engine vehicle in conformity with the rules of the department of environmental management adopted pursuant to § 23-23-20.2 shall constitute a violation of this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
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1 This act would expand the prohibition against idling of engines to include all types of engines, not just diesel engines.

2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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