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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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:

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

3 **31-16.1-1. Purpose.**

4 The purposes of this chapter are to protect health and the environment by reducing air
5 emissions and to conserve fuel by restricting the unnecessary operation of ~~diesel~~ engines.

6 **31-16.1-3. ~~Restrictions on idling for diesel engines.~~ Restrictions on idling for engines.**

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

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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

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