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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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AN ACT

1 Providing for idling restrictions on diesel-powered ~~commercial~~ <—
2 MOTOR vehicles; and imposing a penalty. <—

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Diesel-
7 Powered ~~Commercial~~ Motor Vehicle Idling Act. <—

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "~~Auxiliary power system.~~" ~~A device installed on a commercial~~ <—
13 ~~motor vehicle to provide electrical, mechanical or thermal~~
14 ~~energy to the primary diesel engine, the cab or the sleeper-~~
15 ~~berth compartment as an alternative to idling the primary diesel~~
16 ~~engine.~~

1 ~~"Commercial motor vehicle." A self propelled motor vehicle~~
2 ~~used on a highway to transport passengers or property when the~~
3 ~~vehicle meets any of the following conditions:~~

4 ~~(1) the vehicle is being used commercially and has a~~
5 ~~gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight~~
6 ~~rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight~~
7 ~~of 4,536 kg (10,001 pounds) or more, whichever is greater;~~

8 ~~(2) the vehicle is designed or used to transport more~~
9 ~~than eight passengers, including the driver, for~~
10 ~~compensation;~~

11 ~~(3) the vehicle is designed or used to transport more~~
12 ~~than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to~~
13 ~~transport passengers for compensation; or~~

14 ~~(4) the vehicle is used in transporting material found~~
15 ~~by the Secretary of the United States Department of~~
16 ~~Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. § 5103~~
17 ~~(relating to general regulatory authority) and transported in~~
18 ~~a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed~~
19 ~~by the Secretary of the United States Department of~~
20 ~~Transportation under 49 CFR Subtitle B, Ch. 1 Subch. C~~
21 ~~(relating to hazardous materials regulations).~~

22 "BUS." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102 (RELATING TO <—
23 DEFINITIONS).

24 "BUS DEPOT." A LOCATION WHERE BUSES ARE ROUTINELY KEPT
25 OVERNIGHT, INCLUDING ANY GARAGE STRUCTURE OR OUTDOOR BUS PARKING
26 AREA OR BOTH.

27 "Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of
28 the Commonwealth.

29 "DIESEL-POWERED." A TYPE OF ENGINE THAT HAS OPERATING <—
30 CHARACTERISTICS SIGNIFICANTLY SIMILAR TO THE THEORETICAL DIESEL

1 COMBUSTION CYCLE.

2 "FARM EQUIPMENT." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102
3 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

4 "FARM VEHICLE." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102 (RELATING
5 TO DEFINITIONS).

6 "Highway." The term as it is defined under 49 CFR 390.5
7 (relating to definitions).

8 "IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY." ANY DEVICE OR SYSTEM OF DEVICES ←
9 THAT IS INSTALLED ON A MOTOR VEHICLE SUBJECT TO THIS ACT AND IS
10 DESIGNED TO PROVIDE IT THOSE SERVICES, SUCH AS HEAT, AIR
11 CONDITIONING AND ELECTRICITY, THAT WOULD OTHERWISE REQUIRE THE
12 OPERATION OF THE MAIN DRIVE ENGINE WHILE THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS
13 TEMPORARILY PARKED OR REMAINS STATIONARY.

14 "Idling." Operation of the main propulsion engine of a
15 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle while the vehicle is stationary. ←

16 "IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102 ←
17 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

18 "MOTOR HOME." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102 (RELATING TO
19 DEFINITIONS).

20 "MOTOR VEHICLE." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102 (RELATING ←
21 TO DEFINITIONS).

22 "SCHOOL BUS." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102 (RELATING TO
23 DEFINITIONS).

24 "SCHOOL VEHICLE." AS DEFINED UNDER 75 PA.C.S. § 102
25 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

26 "STATIONARY IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY." EQUIPMENT THAT
27 TRANSFORMS POWER FROM THE ELECTRIC GRID FOR THE PURPOSE OF
28 DELIVERING USABLE ELECTRIC POWER, HEAT OR AIR CONDITIONING TO A
29 MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING MAIN ENGINE IDLING.

30 Section 3. Restrictions on idling.

1 ~~(a) Restrictions.--No operator of a commercial motor vehicle~~ <—
2 ~~subject to this act shall cause or allow the engine of a diesel-~~
3 ~~powered commercial motor vehicle to idle for more than five~~
4 ~~minutes in any 60 minute period, except as provided in~~
5 ~~subsection (b).~~

6 (A) RESTRICTIONS.--NO DRIVER OR OWNER OF A DIESEL-POWERED <—
7 MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A GROSS ~~VEHICLE~~ WEIGHT OF 10,001 POUNDS OR <—
8 MORE ENGAGED IN COMMERCE ~~OR THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE~~ <—
9 ~~LOCATION WHERE THE VEHICLES LOAD, UNLOAD OR PARK SHALL CAUSE OR~~
10 ~~SHALL CAUSE AND NO OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE LOCATION WHERE THE~~ <—
11 ~~VEHICLE LOADS, UNLOADS OR PARKS SHALL ALLOW THE ENGINE OF THE~~
12 ~~VEHICLE TO IDLE FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES IN ANY CONTINUOUS 60-~~
13 ~~MINUTE PERIOD, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C).~~

14 (B) EXCLUSIONS.--THE IDLING RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN
15 SUBSECTION (A) DO NOT APPLY TO MOTOR HOMES, COMMERCIAL
16 IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY, FARM EQUIPMENT
17 OR FARM VEHICLES.

18 ~~(b)~~ (C) Exemptions.--A diesel-powered ~~commercial motor~~ <—
19 ~~vehicle~~ MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A GROSS ~~VEHICLE~~ WEIGHT OF 10,001 <—
20 POUNDS OR MORE may idle beyond the time allowed in subsection
21 (a) for one or more of the following reasons:

22 (1) When a vehicle idles while forced to remain
23 motionless because of on-highway traffic, an official traffic
24 control device or signal or at the direction of a law
25 enforcement official.

26 (2) When a vehicle must idle to operate defrosters,
27 heaters, air conditioners or cargo refrigeration equipment,
28 or to install equipment, in order to prevent a safety or
29 health emergency and not for the purpose of a rest period, or
30 as otherwise ~~required by~~ NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH <—

1 MANUFACTURERS' OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFICATIONS AND
2 WARRANTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH Federal or State motor carrier
3 safety regulations or local requirements.

4 (3) When a police, fire, ambulance, public safety,
5 military, UTILITY SERVICE VEHICLE or other emergency or law ←
6 enforcement vehicle or any vehicle being used in an emergency
7 OR PUBLIC SAFETY capacity ~~idles~~ SHALL IDLE while in an ←
8 emergency or training mode and not for the convenience of the
9 ~~vehicle operator~~ DRIVER. ←

10 (4) When the primary propulsion engine idles for
11 ~~maintenance, servicing, repairing or~~ MAINTENANCE, PARTICULATE ←
12 MATTER TRAP REGENERATION, SERVICING OR REPAIR OF THE VEHICLE
13 OR FOR VEHICLE diagnostic purposes, if idling is required for
14 that activity.

15 (5) When a vehicle idles as part of a Federal or State
16 inspection to verify that all equipment is in good working
17 order, if idling is required as part of the inspection.

18 (6) When idling of a primary propulsion engine is
19 necessary to power work-related mechanical, safety or
20 electrical operations other than propulsion. This exemption
21 shall not apply when idling is done for cabin comfort or to
22 operate nonessential onboard equipment.

23 (7) WHEN IDLING OF A PRIMARY PROPULSION ENGINE IS ←
24 NECESSARY AS PART OF A SECURITY INSPECTION EITHER ENTERING OR
25 EXITING A FACILITY.

26 ~~(7)~~ (8) When an armored vehicle must idle when a person ←
27 remains inside the vehicle to guard contents or while the
28 vehicle is being loaded or unloaded.

29 ~~(8)~~ (9) When a vehicle must idle due to mechanical ←
30 difficulties over which the driver has no control, if the

1 vehicle owner submits the repair paperwork or product repair
2 verifying that the mechanical problem has been fixed, by mail
3 to the department within 30 days of the repair.

4 ~~(9)~~ (10) When a ~~passenger bus~~ BUS, SCHOOL BUS OR SCHOOL <—
5 VEHICLE must idle to provide heating or air conditioning when
6 non-driver passengers are onboard. For the purposes of this
7 exemption, the bus, SCHOOL BUS OR SCHOOL VEHICLE may idle for <—
8 no more than ~~15 minutes in a 60 minute period.~~ A TOTAL OF 15 <—
9 MINUTES IN A CONTINUOUS 60-MINUTE PERIOD, EXCEPT WHEN IDLING
10 IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN A SAFE TEMPERATURE FOR STUDENTS WITH
11 SPECIAL NEEDS WHO ARE TRANSPORTED BY A SCHOOL BUS OR SCHOOL
12 VEHICLE.

13 ~~(10)~~ (11) An occupied vehicle with a sleeper-berth <—
14 compartment that idles for purposes of air conditioning or
15 heating during a rest or sleep period and the outside
16 temperature at the location of the vehicle ~~AT THE START OF~~ <—
17 ~~THE REST PERIOD~~ is less than 40 degrees or greater than 75
18 degrees Fahrenheit AT ANY TIME DURING THE REST OR SLEEP <—
19 PERIOD. This applies to a ~~commercial motor vehicle~~ MOTOR <—
20 VEHICLE SUBJECT TO THIS ACT parked in any place that the
21 ~~commercial motor~~ vehicle is legally permitted to park, <—
22 including but not limited to, a fleet trucking terminal,
23 commercial truck stop or designated rest area. This exemption
24 expires May 1, 2010. This exemption does not apply if the
25 vehicle is parked at a location equipped with stationary idle
26 reduction technology that is available for use AT THE START <—
27 OF THE REST PERIOD.

28 ~~(11) When idling is necessary for active loading or <—~~
29 ~~active unloading of property or passengers.~~

30 (12) WHEN IDLING IS NECESSARY FOR SAMPLING, WEIGHING, <—

1 ACTIVE LOADING OR ACTIVE UNLOADING OR FOR AN ATTENDED MOTOR
2 VEHICLE WAITING FOR SAMPLING, WEIGHING, LOADING OR UNLOADING.
3 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS EXEMPTION, THE VEHICLE MAY IDLE FOR
4 UP TO A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES IN ANY CONTINUOUS 60-MINUTE
5 PERIOD.

6 (13) WHEN IDLING BY A SCHOOL BUS OR SCHOOL VEHICLE OFF ←
7 SCHOOL PROPERTY DURING QUEUING FOR THE SEQUENTIAL DISCHARGE
8 OR PICKUP OF STUDENTS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE PHYSICAL
9 CONFIGURATION OF A SCHOOL OR THE SCHOOL'S SURROUNDING STREETS
10 DOES NOT ALLOW FOR STOPPING.

11 (14) WHEN IDLING IS NECESSARY FOR MAINTAINING SAFE
12 OPERATING CONDITIONS WHILE WAITING FOR A POLICE ESCORT WHEN
13 TRANSPORTING A LOAD THAT REQUIRES THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT IN
14 ACCORDANCE WITH 75 PA.C.S. CH. 49 SUBCH. D (RELATING TO
15 SPECIAL PERMITS FOR EXCESSIVE SIZE AND WEIGHT).

16 (15) WHEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SOLID WASTE COLLECTION OR
17 THE COLLECTION OF SOURCE-SEPARATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. THIS
18 EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY WHEN A VEHICLE IS NOT ACTIVELY
19 ENGAGED IN SOLID WASTE COLLECTION OR THE COLLECTION OF
20 SOURCE-SEPARATED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

21 ~~(e)~~ (D) Exception.--The restriction on idling set forth in ←
22 subsection (a) does not apply to a diesel-powered ~~commercial~~ ←
23 motor vehicle that ~~has a model year of 2007 or newer engine and~~ ←
24 exhibits a label issued by the California Air Resources Board
25 under 13 CCR § 1956.8(a)(6)(C) (relating to exhaust emissions
26 standards and test procedures - 1985 and subsequent model heavy-
27 duty engines and vehicles) showing that the vehicle's engine
28 meets the optional NOx idling emission standard.

29 ~~Section 4. Auxiliary power system.~~ ←

30 ~~For a diesel powered commercial motor vehicle with a model~~

~~1 year of 2007 or newer engine, an auxiliary power system powered
2 by a diesel powered internal combustion engine may only be used
3 in this Commonwealth if its exhaust is routed through the
4 exhaust system of the main propulsion engine. This requirement
5 does not apply if the vehicle or auxiliary power system exhibits
6 a label issued by the California Air Resources Board under 13
7 CCR § 2485(c)(3)(A)(1) (relating to airborne toxic control
8 measure to limit diesel fueled commercial motor vehicle idling)
9 for the auxiliary power system.~~

10 SECTION 4. INCREASE OF WEIGHT LIMIT. <—

11 THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT ~~LIMIT~~ AND AXLE WEIGHT ~~LIMIT~~ FOR ANY <—
12 MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY MAY BE
13 INCREASED BY AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE
14 ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF THE IDLE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY AS PROVIDED
15 UNDER 23 U.S.C. § 127(A)(12) (RELATING TO VEHICLE WEIGHT
16 LIMITATIONS - INTERSTATE SYSTEM), AS THAT SECTION EXISTS ON THE
17 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT. THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF WEIGHT
18 ALLOWED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED 400 POUNDS AND SHALL
19 ~~NOT~~ BE CONSTRUED TO BE IN ADDITION TO THE TOLERANCE AUTHORIZED <—
20 UNDER 75 PA.C.S. CH. 49 SUBCH. E (RELATING TO MEASURING AND
21 ADJUSTING VEHICLE SIZE AND WEIGHT).

22 Section 5. Penalties.

23 (a) Fines.--~~An operator of a diesel powered commercial motor~~ <—
24 ~~vehicle~~ THE DRIVER OR OWNER OF A DIESEL-POWERED MOTOR VEHICLE <—
25 WITH A GROSS ~~VEHICLE~~ WEIGHT OF 10,001 POUNDS OR MORE ENGAGED IN <—
26 COMMERCE OR THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A LOCATION WHERE SUCH
27 VEHICLES LOAD, UNLOAD OR PARK that violates the provisions of
28 this act commits a ~~summary offense and shall, upon conviction:~~ <—

29 (1) ~~For the first offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of~~
30 \$50.

1 Section 6. Disposition of fines.

2 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), all
3 fines for prosecutions of an offense under this act, AND ALL ←
4 CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, shall be payable to
5 the Commonwealth for credit to the Clean Air Fund.

6 (b) Exception for local police action.--When prosecution of
7 an offense under this act is the result of local police action,
8 the fines shall be payable as follows:

9 (1) One-half to the municipal corporation under which
10 the local police are organized.

11 (2) One-half to the Commonwealth for credit to the Clean
12 Air Fund.

13 Section 7. Enforcement.

14 The Secretary of Environmental Protection may designate
15 employees of the department to enforce the provisions of this
16 act UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENSE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5(A). ←

17 EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT SO DESIGNATED ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED
18 TO ISSUE OR FILE CITATIONS FOR SUMMARY VIOLATIONS UNDER THIS
19 ACT, AND THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO
20 PROSECUTE THESE OFFENSES. The employees shall exhibit proof of
21 and be within the scope of the designation when instituting
22 SUMMARY proceedings as provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of ←
23 Criminal Procedure.

24 SECTION 8. PERMANENT IDLING RESTRICTION SIGNS. ←

25 AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A LOCATION WHERE VEHICLES SUBJECT TO
26 THIS ACT LOAD OR UNLOAD OR A LOCATION THAT PROVIDES 15 OR MORE
27 PARKING SPACES FOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO THIS ACT SHALL ERECT AND
28 MAINTAIN A PERMANENT SIGN TO INFORM DRIVERS THAT IDLING IS
29 RESTRICTED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH, AS SPECIFIED IN 67 PA. CODE §
30 212.101(A) AND (B) (RELATING TO OFFICIAL SIGNS).

1 Section § 9. Preemption. <—

2 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in ~~subsection (b)~~ <—
3 SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C), this act shall preempt and supersede a <—
4 local ordinance or rule concerning the subject matter of this
5 act.

6 (b) Exception.--A local ordinance or rule concerning the
7 subject matter of this act that has been adopted by a county of
8 the first or second class shall remain in full force and effect
9 to the extent that the local ordinance or rule is more
10 restrictive than the requirements of this act if the local
11 ordinance or rule was in effect prior to January 1, 2007, and it
12 has not been amended, suspended or rendered invalid, in whole or
13 in part, by a court decision.

14 (C) PROCEDURE.--A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, TOWNSHIP, BOROUGH OR <—
15 LOCAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WITH IDLING REGULATIONS IN
16 EXISTENCE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT MAY APPROVE
17 IDLING TIME LIMITS FOR BUSES IN EXCESS OF THE TIME LIMITS IN
18 THIS ACT IF THE APPROVAL APPLIES ONLY TO THE WARM-UP OF BUSES
19 OUTDOORS AT A BUS DEPOT WHEN THE TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 40 DEGREES
20 AND THE APPROVAL IS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE IDLING.

21 (D) DEPARTMENT.--THIS ACT SHALL NOT PREVENT THE DEPARTMENT
22 FROM REGULATING EMISSIONS FROM IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AS
23 APPROPRIATE, UNDER THE ACT OF JANUARY 8, 1960 (1959 P.L.2119,
24 NO.787), KNOWN AS THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.

25 SECTION 10. APPLICABILITY. <—

26 THE DIESEL IDLING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT ARE NOT APPLICABLE
27 TO THE OPERATING PERMIT REQUIRED UNDER 25 PA. CODE CH. 127
28 (RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION, MODIFICATION, REACTIVATION AND
29 OPERATION OF SOURCES). NO REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS ACT MAY BE
30 INCORPORATED INTO ANY OPERATING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT

1 UNDER 25 PA. CODE CH. 127.

2 Section 9 20. Effective date.

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3 This act shall take effect in ~~60~~ 120 days.

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