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**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 123      File No. 151      Cal. No. 155

**"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES."**

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- 1      In line 14, strike "twenty" and insert "thirty-two" in lieu thereof
  - 2      In line 23, strike "or"
  - 3      In line 24, strike "." and insert "; or" in lieu thereof
  - 4      After line 24 insert the following:  
5      "(10) When a motor vehicle is in a queue for weighing, loading or  
6      unloading freight."
  - 7      In line 29, after "(b)" insert "Any person who violates any provision  
8      of this section shall be charged a fee of fifteen dollars."
  - 9      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
10     internal references accordingly:
  - 11     "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 51-164m of the general statutes is  
12     repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

13 *October 1, 2008*):

14 (c) No fine established in accordance with the provisions of  
15 subsection (a) of this section may be less than thirty-five dollars or in  
16 excess of ninety dollars, except that fines established for (1) parking tag  
17 violations, [and] (2) violations of subsection (c) of section 14-100a of the  
18 2008 supplement to the general statutes, and (3) violations of section 1  
19 of this act may be less than thirty-five dollars.

20 Sec. 502. Subsection (b) of section 14-267a of the 2008 supplement to  
21 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
22 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

23 (b) The axle weight on any axle and the gross weight of any vehicle  
24 or combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer or any  
25 other object, including its load, may not exceed the manufacturer's axle  
26 weight rating, the gross vehicle weight rating or the following gross  
27 weight limits, except as provided in section 503 of this act: (1) A two-  
28 axle vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires, a gross weight of thirty-  
29 two thousand pounds; (2) a two-axle vehicle equipped with solid or  
30 pneumatic tires, the weight on any single axle not to exceed eighteen  
31 thousand pounds, a gross weight of thirty-six thousand pounds; (3) a  
32 three-axle vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires, the weight on any  
33 single axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds  
34 or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart, eighteen  
35 thousand pounds, gross vehicle weight of fifty-three thousand eight  
36 hundred pounds; (4) a three-axle combination of vehicle and trailer or  
37 vehicle and semitrailer, the weight on any single axle not to exceed  
38 twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds or, in the case of axles  
39 spaced less than six feet apart, eighteen thousand pounds, a gross  
40 vehicle weight of fifty-eight thousand four hundred pounds; (5) a four-  
41 or-more-axle vehicle or combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle  
42 and semitrailer equipped with pneumatic tires, the weight on any  
43 single axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds  
44 or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart, eighteen  
45 thousand pounds, a gross vehicle weight of sixty-seven thousand four

46 hundred pounds; (6) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or combination of  
 47 vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer where the distance  
 48 between the first and last axle is not less than twenty-eight feet, the  
 49 weight on any single axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand four  
 50 hundred pounds or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart,  
 51 eighteen thousand pounds, a gross vehicle weight of seventy-three  
 52 thousand pounds, provided in no event shall the gross vehicle weight  
 53 exceed seventy-three thousand pounds; (7) the gross vehicle weight of  
 54 a bulk milk pickup tanker shall not exceed ninety-nine thousand  
 55 pounds, provided the weight of the bulk milk pickup tanker is  
 56 permitted under the federal-aid highway amendments of 1974, 88 Stat.  
 57 2281, 23 USC 101 et seq., as amended from time to time; [.] and (8)  
 58 notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and subsection (e) of  
 59 this section, a vehicle or combination of vehicle and semitrailer  
 60 equipped with pneumatic tires may be operated on any highway or  
 61 bridge without a written permit, provided the weight on any single  
 62 axle does not exceed twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds or, in  
 63 the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart, eighteen thousand  
 64 pounds, and provided such vehicle or combination is in compliance  
 65 with the federal-aid highway amendments of 1974, 88 Stat. 2281, 23  
 66 USC 101 et seq., as amended from time to time, including the gross  
 67 vehicle weight limit of eighty thousand pounds and the following  
 68 weight distribution formula:

T1  
 T2  
 T3

$$W = 500 \left( \left( \frac{LN}{N-1} \right) + 12N + 36 \right)$$

69 Where W = overall gross weight on any group of two or more  
 70 consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred pounds, L = distance in  
 71 feet between the extreme of any group of two or more consecutive  
 72 axles, and N = number of axles in group under consideration, except  
 73 that two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of

74 sixty-eight thousand pounds, provided the overall distance between  
75 the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is  
76 thirty-six feet or more.

77 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) For purposes of this  
78 section, "idle reduction technology" means any device or system that is  
79 installed on a diesel-powered truck or truck tractor for the purpose of  
80 providing services such as heat, air conditioning or electricity while  
81 the truck or truck tractor is parked or stationary, without requiring the  
82 operation of the main engine, and "truck" and "truck tractor" shall have  
83 the same meaning as in section 14-1 of the 2008 supplement to the  
84 general statutes.

85 (b) The maximum gross weight limit and axle weight limit  
86 established in section 14-267a of the 2008 supplement to the general  
87 statutes, as amended by this act, may be increased for any truck or  
88 truck tractor equipped with idle reduction technology in an amount  
89 equivalent to the additional weight of such technology, but in no case  
90 shall such increase exceed four hundred pounds.

91 (c) To qualify for the additional weight increase as provided in  
92 subsection (b) of this section, the operator of the truck or truck tractor  
93 shall provide the following information to a law enforcement officer  
94 upon request: (1) A written certification of the weight of the idle  
95 reduction technology, and (2) a demonstration or certification that the  
96 idle reduction technology is fully functional at all times."