



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 792

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) No person shall cause
2 or allow a motor vehicle to operate for more than three consecutive
3 minutes when such motor vehicle is not in motion, except as follows:

4 (1) When a motor vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of
5 traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator
6 has no control;

7 (2) When it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling
8 equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver or passengers;

9 (3) When it is necessary to operate auxiliary equipment that is
10 located in or on the motor vehicle to accomplish the intended use of
11 the motor vehicle;

12 (4) When it is necessary to bring the motor vehicle to the
13 manufacturer's recommended operating temperature;

14 (5) When the outdoor temperature is below twenty degrees
15 Fahrenheit;

16 (6) When the motor vehicle is undergoing maintenance or an
17 inspection that requires such motor vehicle be operated for more than

18 three consecutive minutes;

19 (7) When a motor vehicle is in queue to be inspected by United
20 States military personnel prior to gaining access to a United States
21 military installation;

22 (8) When operating a law enforcement, firefighting, rescue or
23 emergency vehicle in the course of official duties; or

24 (9) When a motor vehicle is in a queue at a drive-in establishment.

25 For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any motor bus
26 or truck, as such terms are defined in section 14-1 of the general
27 statutes, or any automobile, but does not include any motor vehicle
28 when used for off-road farming, and "farming" has the same meaning
29 as in section 1-1 of the general statutes.

30 (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have
31 committed an infraction and shall be fined fifty dollars for a first
32 violation and not more than one hundred dollars for a subsequent
33 violation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

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