



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) As used in this  
2 section, "motor vehicle" means any motor bus, truck or passenger  
3 motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, but  
4 does not include any "farm implement", as defined in said section 14-1.

5 (b) No person shall cause or allow a motor vehicle to operate for  
6 more than three consecutive minutes when such motor vehicle is not in  
7 motion, except as follows:

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

11 (2) When it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling  
12 equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver, passengers or  
13 cargo;

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

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

19 (5) When the outdoor temperature is below twenty degrees  
20 Fahrenheit;

21 (6) When the motor vehicle is undergoing maintenance or an  
22 inspection that requires such motor vehicle be operated for more than  
23 three consecutive minutes;

24 (7) When a motor vehicle is in a queue to be inspected by United  
25 States military personnel prior to gaining access to a United States  
26 military installation;

27 (8) When a law enforcement, firefighting, rescue or emergency  
28 vehicle is in the course of responding to an emergency;

29 (9) When a motor vehicle is in a queue at a drive-in establishment;

30 (10) When a motor vehicle is in a queue for weighing, loading or  
31 unloading freight;

32 (11) When a motor vehicle in livery service is waiting to discharge  
33 participants in a wedding or funeral; or

34 (12) When a motor vehicle is delivering food from a restaurant.

35 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall have  
36 committed an infraction and shall be fined not more than twenty-five  
37 dollars.

38 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 51-164m of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
40 *October 1, 2009*):

41 (c) No fine established in accordance with the provisions of  
42 subsection (a) of this section may be less than thirty-five dollars or in  
43 excess of ninety dollars, except that fines established for (1) parking tag  
44 violations, [and] (2) violations of subsection (c) of section 14-100a and  
45 (3) violations of section 1 of this act may be less than thirty-five dollars.

