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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting idling by heavy duty vehicles

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Article 19 of the environmental conservation law is amended

2 by adding a new title 13 to read as follows:

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TITLE 13

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HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE IDLING

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Section 19-1301. Applicability.

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19-1303. Definitions.

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19-1305. Prohibitions.

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19-1307. Exceptions.

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§ 19-1301. Applicability.

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This title shall apply to all on-road heavy duty vehicles propelled by

11 diesel fueled and non-diesel fueled engines
12 excluding marine vessels.
13 Heavy duty vehicle means a vehicle that has a
14 gross vehicle weight
15 rating exceeding eighty-five hundred pounds and is
16 designed primarily
17 for transporting persons or properties.
18 § 19-1303. Definitions.
19 As used in this title, "hybrid electric
20 vehicle" means a vehicle as
21 defined in 40 CFR section 86.1702-99.
22 § 19-1305. Prohibitions.
23 No person who owns, operates or leases a heavy
24 duty vehicle including
25 a bus or truck, the motive power for which is
26 provided by a diesel or
27 non-diesel fueled engine or who owns, leases or
28 occupies land and has
29 the actual or apparent dominion or control over the
30 operation of a heavy
31 duty vehicle including a bus or truck present on
32 such land, the motive
33 power for which said heavy duty vehicle is provided
34 by a diesel or non-
35 diesel fueled engine, shall allow or permit the
36 engine of such heavy

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets

[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 duty vehicle to idle for more than five
2 consecutive minutes when the
3 heavy duty vehicle is not in motion, except as
4 otherwise permitted by
5 section 19-1307 of this title.
6 § 19-1307. Exceptions.
7 The prohibitions of section 19-1305 of this
8 title shall not apply in
9 the following circumstances:

7 1. when a diesel or non-diesel fueled heavy duty
8 vehicle, including,
9 but not limited to a bus or truck, is forced
10 to remain motionless
11 because of the traffic conditions over which the
12 operator thereof has no
13 control;
14 2. if contrary regulations are adopted by
15 federal, state or local
16 agencies having jurisdiction require the
17 maintenance of a specific
18 temperature for passenger comfort; in such case,
19 the idling time speci-
20 fied in section 19-1305 of this title may be
21 increased, but only to the
22 extent necessary to comply with such regulations;
23 3. when a diesel or non-diesel fueled engine is
24 being used to provide
25 power for an auxiliary purpose, such as loading,
26 discharging, mixing or
27 processing cargo; controlling cargo temperature;
28 construction; lumber-
29 ing; oil or gas well servicing; farming; or when
30 operation of the engine
31 is required for the purpose of maintenance;
32 4. if idling is due to fire, police and public
33 utility trucks or other
34 vehicles performing emergency services;
35 5. to trucks owned or operated by persons
36 engaged in mining and quar-
37 rying that are used within the confines of such
38 person's property;
39 6. if a diesel fueled truck is to remain
40 motionless for a period
41 exceeding two hours, and during which period the
42 ambient temperature is
43 continuously below twenty-five degrees Fahrenheit;
44 7. to a heavy-duty diesel vehicle that is queued
45 for or is undergoing
46 a state authorized periodic or roadside diesel
47 emissions inspection;
48 8. to a hybrid electric vehicle idling for the
49 purpose of providing

31 energy for battery or other form of energy storage
recharging;

32 9. to heavy duty vehicles used for agricultural
purposes on a farm;

33 and

34 10. to electric powered vehicles.

35 § 2. This act shall take effect on the
ninetieth day after it shall

36 have become a law. Effective immediately, the
addition, amendment

37 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
for the implementation

38 of this act on its effective date are
authorized to be made and

39 completed on or before such date.