

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3268**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John Barrett, III***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing time limits for idling trains.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3268) of John Barrett, III, Smitty Pignatelli and Carole A. Fiola for legislation to establish idling time limits for trains. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 852 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act establishing time limits for idling trains.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 28. No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit a locomotive train engine to  
3 idle longer than 30 minutes. The department of environmental protection shall investigate all  
4 reported cases of train idling in excess of 30 minutes. During its investigation, the department  
5 shall conduct emission tests to determine the level of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon  
6 monoxides, and sulfur dioxide being released from the train.

7 Emission levels shall not exceed those of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority  
8 trains as previously determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. If it is

- 9 determined that these emission levels have been exceeded, the violator shall be fined no less than
- 10 \$5,000 for each violation.