

HOUSE No. 3624

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>1/8/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/28/2025</i>

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By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3624) of John Barrett, III and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to establish idling time limits for trains. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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.