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An Act to Require an Anti-idling Policy for the Government of Nova Scotia and Public Passenger Vehicles

CHAPTER 32
ACTS OF 2010

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DECEMBER 10, 2010**

The Honourable Sterling Belliveau
Minister of Environment

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WHEREAS vehicle exhaust emissions are a source of air pollution;

AND WHEREAS idling worsens the problem significantly;

AND WHEREAS reducing idling is a cost-effective and easy way to reduce greenhouse gases and air pollutants;

AND WHEREAS reducing engine idling will also reduce wear and tear on engine parts and save money by conserving fuel;

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the *Anti-idling Act*.

2 In this Act,

(a) “idling” means the operation of the engine of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is not in motion and not being used to operate auxiliary equipment that is essential to the basic function of the vehicle;

(b) “public passenger vehicle” means

(i) a school bus,

(ii) a tour bus,

(iii) a transit bus, or

(iv) any other motor vehicle, with a seating capacity of seventeen or more passengers, operated upon any highway by or on behalf of a person carrying on the business of a public carrier of passengers or of passengers and freight;

(c) “school bus” means a motor vehicle, operated by or under an arrangement with a school board as defined in the *Education Act*, for transporting pupils and teachers to and from school or for any school purpose, including the transportation of pupils and teachers to and from school social, dramatic, musical or athletic functions or competitions, teacher institutes and similar activities;

(d) “tour bus” means a motor vehicle of a design commonly known in the transportation industry as a highway coach, an intercity coach or an intercity motor bus, whether the vehicle is used or intended for use on scheduled routes or for charters, tours, sightseeing trips or another purpose;

(e) “transit bus” means a motor vehicle operated by a public utility, as defined in the *Public Utilities Act*.

3 The Government of the Province and every person who owns, operates, manages or controls a public passenger vehicle shall establish in writing on or before October 1, 2011, and

thereafter maintain in effect an anti-idling policy that promotes the reduction of unnecessary idling.
