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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. MILLER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. MARKEY  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to authorizing the department of transportation to prohibit idling railroads in the city of New York; and to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to railroad emissions regulations

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section  
2 14-n to read as follows:

3 S 14-N. ADDITIONAL PURPOSES OF THE DEPARTMENT; IDLING RAILROAD  
4 ENGINES. 1. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "RAILROAD" SHALL  
5 MEAN A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC RAILROAD OPERATING IN THIS STATE CARRYING  
6 EITHER FREIGHT, PASSENGERS OR FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS, BUT SHALL NOT  
7 INCLUDE ANY RAILROAD OPERATED BY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHOR-  
8 ITY OR ANY OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES.

9 2. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROHIBIT A RAILROAD ENGINE TO IDLE FOR LONGER  
10 THAN TEN MINUTES WHILE PARKING, STANDING, OR STOPPING WHEN WITHIN FIVE  
11 HUNDRED FEET OF ANY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

12 3. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY  
13 WHEN THE RAILROAD ENGINE IS PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING IN A MUNICIPAL  
14 PARKING LOT.

15 4. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST SIGNS RELATING TO PROHIBITED IDLING WHERE  
16 PRACTICABLE AND INCLUDE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR A  
17 VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION. SUCH SIGNS SHALL BE POSTED  
18 AT OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BY  
19 THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOCATIONS FOR WHICH A  
20 MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS OF IDLING RAIL-  
21 ROAD ENGINES.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 5. IN ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO A VIOLATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON  
2 IDLING IT SHALL NOT BE A DEFENSE THAT A SIGN REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION  
3 WAS ABSENT AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION.

4 S 2. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
5 section 19-0308 to read as follows:

6 S 19-0308. RAILROAD EMISSIONS REGULATIONS.

7 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER,  
8 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SHALL ADOPT RULES  
9 AND REGULATIONS SETTING FORTH ACCEPTABLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR RAIL-  
10 ROAD TRAINS OPERATING IN THIS STATE AS WELL AS A TIMETABLE FOR WHICH  
11 SUCH RAILROAD TRAINS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH STANDARDS. SUCH  
12 REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY TO EVERY RAILROAD TRAIN OPERATING IN THIS STATE.  
13 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REVIEW AND REVISE SUCH REGULATIONS ANNUALLY AS HE  
14 OR SHE DEEMS NECESSARY.

15 S 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
16 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
17 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
18 this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and  
19 completed on or before such effective date.