

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3554**

**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:
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3554) of John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish idling time limits for trains. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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.