

HOUSE No. 852

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>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>7/1/2021</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	<i>3/11/2022</i>

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By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 852) of John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish idling time limits for trains. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3554 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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.