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To prohibit engine idling restrictions for over-the-road buses and school buses if an engine idles for less than 15 minutes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Buses Utilizing Safety
5 and Environmental Standards Act” or the “BUSES Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL MINIMUM IDLING STANDARD FOR**
7 **BUSES.**

8 (a) IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.—Section 110(a) of the
9 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7410(a)) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

1 “(7) ENGINE IDLING RESTRICTIONS.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of this Act, no imple-
3 mentation plan submitted by a State under this sub-
4 section may include, nor may any State, or political
5 subdivision thereof, enforce through such implemen-
6 tation plan, any engine idling restriction applicable
7 to the idling of an engine of an over-the-road bus (as
8 defined in section 304(h)(3)) or a school bus for a
9 period of less than 15 minutes.”.

10 (b) CITIZEN SUITS.—Section 304 of the Clean Air
11 Act (42 U.S.C. 7604) is amended by adding at the end
12 the following:

13 “(h) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS RELATING TO IDLING
14 OF BUSES.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of this Act, no person may commence a
17 civil action against an owner or operator of an over-
18 the-road bus or a school bus for any alleged viola-
19 tions of engine idling restrictions described in sec-
20 tion 110(a)(7).

21 “(2) PROHIBITION ON BOUNTY-BASED EN-
22 FORCEMENT PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law—

24 “(A) no State or political subdivision
25 thereof may implement or maintain any pro-

1 gram that provides monetary compensation to
2 private individuals contingent upon the report-
3 ing, citation, or enforcement of engine idling
4 violations for over-the-road buses; and

5 “(B) any such program that is in effect on
6 the date of enactment of this subsection shall
7 be terminated not later than 180 days after
8 such date of enactment.

9 “(3) OVER-THE-ROAD BUS DEFINED.—The
10 term ‘over-the-road bus’ has the meaning given such
11 term in section 301 of the Americans with Disabil-
12 ities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12181).”.

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