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**SENATE BILL NO. 1246**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1224.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to local ordinances regulating certain parking and engine idling.*

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 46.2-1224.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 46.2-1224.1. Local ordinances regulating certain parking and engine idling; penalty.**

A. The governing body of any county having the county manager plan of government may by ordinance prohibit idling the engine of a bus for more than 10 minutes when the bus is parked, left unattended, or is stopped for other than traffic or maintenance reasons. The governing body of any other county, city, or town may by ordinance prohibit idling the engine of a bus for more than 15 minutes when the bus is parked, left unattended, or is stopped for any reason other than traffic, maintenance, or loading or unloading a disabled passenger. *The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to school buses or public transit buses.*

B. *The governing body of any city or county that has a population density greater than 2,000 inhabitants per square mile may by ordinance prohibit idling the engine of any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight or gross vehicle weight rating of more than 7,500 pounds when such motor vehicle is parked, left unattended, or is stopped for more than 10 minutes for other than traffic or maintenance reasons. The following motor vehicles shall be exempted from any such ordinance: emergency vehicles; utility company, construction, and maintenance vehicles during performance of work that requires the vehicle's engine to be running in order to perform such work; and any motor vehicle for which the primary source of fuel is natural gas or electricity.*

Violators of ~~such~~ any ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$50, the proceeds from which shall be paid into the locality's general fund.

~~The provisions of this section shall not apply to school buses or public transit buses.~~

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