



SUPPORT

A. 923-A/S. 1502-A (Abinanti/Avella)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the idling time of passenger vehicles

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 923-A/S. 1502-A (Abinanti/Avella), which would reduce the impact of greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by decreasing curbside idling.

Curbside idling occurs when a driver leaves the engine in their car running while parked or standing. Idling not only wastes money but risks public health by releasing thousands of tons of pollution into the air.

Air pollution from motor vehicles threatens the health of residents and increases the effect of greenhouse gases. Ground-level ozone caused by vehicle emissions is linked to respiratory problems such as asthma and can cause cardiac stress.

A. 923-A/S. 1502-A will improve air quality in New York State by requiring drivers to turn off their engines after three minutes of curbside idling. New York City and Westchester County already have enacted similar laws.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 923-A/S. 1502-A.

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