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# H. R. 9317

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## 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

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## 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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