

**Bills Committee on Motor Vehicle Idling (Fixed Penalty) Bill
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Idling engines create air pollution and heat, which are particularly problematic on Hong Kong's narrow and congested streets and in light of Hong Kong's poor air quality in general. Adopting an idling engine ban is one step our government can take to improve public health, and many countries around the world, including Singapore and Japan, have already implemented such legislation.

We support the idling engine legislation, but are concerned about the numerous exceptions requested by the transport trade that would allow drivers to continue idling despite the ban. The exemptions for the first 5 taxis or the first two mini-buses in a queue are reasonable and should not be extended further to other vehicles. The proposal to allow the Director of Environmental Protection to further exempt any driver or class of driver as he/she sees fit is too broad and should be removed from the draft legislation. Drivers and passengers alike should be willing to give up some convenience for the greater good of public health.