



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 917

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: February 5, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 917 provides for a definition of idle reduction technology in the motor vehicle statutes. This technology allows a commercial truck driver to provide heat, air conditioning, or electricity without operating the main engine. Extended engine idling by diesel engines negatively affects air quality and health.

The bill allows for an increase of up to 400 pounds for vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology from the maximum gross weight limit and the axle weight limit. However, this additional weight is not in addition to the five percent in excess of maximum load provision permitted in current statute.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Deb Fischer