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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to idle reduction technology in ambulances.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter seven of chapter one of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 24-163.8 as follows:

§24-163.8 Use of verified idle reduction technology in ambulances. a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(1) “Auxiliary power unit” shall mean a device containing an engine certified by the United States environmental protection agency that supplies cooling, heating, and electrical power to trucks and other vehicles while the engine is turned off in order to reduce emissions.

(2) “Verified idle reduction technology” shall mean technology, including but not limited to, an auxiliary power unit, that has been verified by the United States environmental protection agency and allows the engine of a vehicle to be turned off while still providing services to the vehicle or equipment, such as heating or cooling of the cabin and which reduces tailpipe emissions from diesel-powered vehicles.

b. Each ambulance acquired by the city or by any 911 participating ambulance service provider after the enactment of this law shall be equipped with verified idle reduction technology.

§2. This local law shall take effect one hundred and twenty days after it is enacted.

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