

A BILL

To amend the Clean Air Act to continue 1975-76 Federal automobile emission standards through the 1981 model year to permit a balance among the important objectives of improving air quality, protecting public health and safety, and avoiding unnecessary increases in consumer costs for automobiles, decreases in gasoline mileage, and increases in the Nation's dependence on imported oil.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Sec. 2. The Clean Air Act, as amended, is amended as follows:

(a) Section 202(b)(1)(A) is amended to delete therefrom "1977" and insert in lieu thereof "1982."

(b) Section 202(b)(1)(A) is further amended to delete the last sentence therefrom and insert the following sentence in lieu thereof:

"The regulations under subsection (a) applicable to emissions of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons from light-duty vehicles and engines manufactured during model years 1975 through 1981, inclusive, shall contain standards which are identical to the interim standards which were prescribed (as of December 1, 1973) under paragraph (5)(A) of this subsection for light-duty vehicles and engines manufactured during model year 1975.

(c) Section 202 (b) (1) (B) is amended to read as follows:

"The regulations under subsection (a) applicable to emission of oxides of nitrogen from light-duty vehicles and engines manufactured during model years 1975 through 1981 inclusive shall contain standards which are identical to the standards prescribed (as of December 1, 1973) under subsection (a) for light-duty vehicles and engines manufactured during model year 1975. The regulations under subsection (a) applicable to oxides of nitrogen from light-duty vehicles and engines manufactured during or after model year 1982 shall be established at such level as the Administrator determines is appropriate considering air quality, energy efficiency, availability of technology, cost, and other relevant factors. The Administrator shall publish for public comment no later than July 1, 1977, proposed standards for 1982 model year light-duty vehicles and engines and his tentative conclusions with respect to the matters he is required to consider under this paragraph and shall publish his final standards and his findings no later than July 1, 1978. Such standards may be revised after appropriate notice following such date based upon substantial changes in any of the factors the Administrator is required to consider under this paragraph.