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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Weston of Farmingdale.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT to Prohibit Excessive Noise from Mufflers on Motor Vehicles.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the 8th paragraph a new paragraph to read as follows:

“Muffler” shall mean a device consisting of a series of chambers or baffle plates or other mechanical design for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine, and effective in reducing noise.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 22, § 41, amended. The last 2 sentences of section 41 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes are repealed as follows:

~~‘All motor vehicles shall be equipped with a muffler of such construction and device as to prevent excessive noise. No person operating a motor vehicle shall at any time open the muffler cut out or permit the exhaust to make any unnecessary noise.’~~

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 41-A, additional. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 41-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 41-A. Mufflers; prevention of noise. Every motor vehicle subject to registration and operated on a highway shall at all times be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise and no such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cut-out, by-pass or similar device. No person shall modify the exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle and such original muffler shall comply with all of the requirements of this section.’