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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 663, L.D. 838, Bill,
"AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Relating to Airmobiles."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 7 and
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §2073, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1973,
c. 734, §1, is amended by adding at the end the following
new sentence:

Airmobiles are prohibited from beaches adjacent to these
bathing areas.'

Further amend the Bill in section 8 by striking out
all of subsection 9 and inserting in its place the following:

'9. Noise limits for airmobiles. Total vehicle noise from
airmobiles manufactured, offered for sale, sold or operated
in this State shall not exceed 78 decibels of sound pressure
level at 50 feet on the "A" scale, as measured by the SAE
standards J-192. It shall be unlawful to operate any airmobile
which exceeds noise limit as set forth in this subsection,
except for airmobiles operated at prearranged racing meets
in compliance with section 2074, subsection 2.'

Further amend the Bill in section 8 by striking out all of paragraph C of subsection 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'C. Properly registered airmobiles may cross public ways, including bridges, overpasses and underpasses. For crossing public ways, sidewalks and culverts, persons shall travel only the distance necessary, but in no case exceeding 300 yards, for the sole purpose of crossing as directly as possible. For crossing bridges, overpasses and underpasses, persons shall travel only the distance necessary, but in no case exceeding 500 yards, for the sole purpose of crossing as directly as possible. All crossings shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Persons may cross public ways only if the crossing can be made safely and does not interfere with vehicular traffic approaching from either direction;
- (2) The operator of the airmobile shall dismount and lead the machine along the extreme right of the traveled way; and
- (3) The operator of the airmobile shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicular traffic.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment requires all airmobiles to meet specific noise standards. It also requires airmobile operators to dismount and guide their machines across public ways, and clarifies minor provisions.

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