

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 611

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7 H.P. 431

House of Representatives, February 19, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered
9 printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Small of Bath.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Control Motorcycle Noise.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 30 MRSA §2151, sub-§3, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

22 A-1. Prohibiting the operation of motorcycles
23 within the municipality which exceeds a noise
24 decible level of 82 decibels of sound pressure
25 level at 50 feet on the "A" scale, as measured by
26 the SAE standards J-192. A violation of this or-
27 dinance shall be deemed a civil violation for
28 which a forfeiture of \$50 for the first offense
29 and \$100 for every subsequent offense shall be
30 adjudged. All forfeitures collected under this
31 paragraph shall be made payable to the municipal-
32 ity.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill enables a municipaltiy to enact an or-
3 dinance prohibiting the operation of motorcycles in
4 excess of the federal noise level standard. The bill
5 does not require the municipalities throughout the
6 State to adopt the standard. The bill does not re-
7 quire the State Police, municipal law enforcement
8 agencies or service station operators to purchase ex-
9 pensive sound measuring equipment.

10 If a municipality chooses to enact and enforce a
11 motorcycle noise level standard, only that particular
12 municipality would have to purchase a sound measuring
13 device.

14 This bill insures that the motorcycle noise level
15 standard adopted by any municipality is a uniform
16 standard and in compliance with the federal standard.
17 A motorcyclist who complies with the standard in one
18 municipality will be in compliance with standards
19 adopted by any other municipality.

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