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An Act to Amend Maine's Boating Laws Pertaining to Noise Limits on Watercraft.

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§33, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 739,
4	Sec. 1. 12 WIRSA $g/601$, $sub-g/35, as enacted by PL 1997, C. 739, §6, is amended to read:$
6	33. Operating airmobile or motorboat that exceeds noise limits. A person is guilty of operating a watercraft that
8	exceeds the noise limit if that person operates an airmobile or motorboat pewered-by-an-engine-constructed in such a manner as to
10	exceed:
12	A. OnorafterJanuary1, 1998 thatemitemerethan78 decibels-of- cound-pressure-at-a-distance-of50feet-using-a
14	method <u>A noise level of 90 decibels when subjected to a</u> stationary sound level test as prescribed by the
16	commissioner; or
18	B. Befere-J anuary-1,1998-that-emite-more-than -82-decibels of-sound-proseuro-at-a-distance-of-50-feet-using-a-method <u>A</u>
20	noise level of 75 decibels when subjected to an operational test measured as prescribed by the commissioner.
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24	SUMMARY
26	Recently enacted legislation established noise limits for watercraft but did not prescribe a method for testing those
28	limits. This bill adopts the model act for motor boat noise testing procedures developed by the the National Association of
30	Boating Law Administrators. This bill amends the noise limits in order to comply with limits set for 2 testing methods to be used
32	by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, one stationary test and one operational test.