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No. 497

S.P. 153

In Senate, February 6, 2001

An Act to Reduce Noise Pollution.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LEMONT of York.
Cosponsored by Representative WHEELER of Eliot and
Representatives: ANDREWS of York, ESTES of Kittery, McKENNEY of Cumberland,
MURPHY of Berwick.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2079-A is enacted to read:

§2079-A. Excessive sound system noise

1. Prohibition. A person may not operate a sound system in a vehicle at a volume that is greater than is reasonable with due regard to the location of the vehicle and the effect on persons in proximity to the vehicle. It is a prima facie violation of this section if the vehicle is located near buildings and the buildings or windows in the buildings are shaken or rattled by the sound of the sound system.

2. Penalty. Violation of subsection 1 is a traffic infraction for which the following forfeitures may be assessed:

A. For a first offense, \$50;

B. For a 2nd offense, \$100; and

C. For a 3rd or subsequent offense, \$150.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the operation of a sound system in a vehicle at a volume that is greater than is reasonable or proper with due regard to the location of the vehicle and the effect on persons in proximity to the vehicle. It provides that it is a prima facie violation of this prohibition if the vehicle is located near buildings and the buildings or windows in the buildings are shaken or rattled by the sound of the sound system.