

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 28, 2007

### **An Act To Reduce Watercraft Noise Levels on Lakes**

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Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BRYANT of Windham.  
Cosponsored by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield and  
Senator: BENOIT of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B,  
3 §380 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

4 A. A person may not operate a motorboat in such a manner as to exceed:

5 (1) A noise level of ~~90~~ 85 decibels when subjected to a stationary sound level  
6 test with and without cutouts engaged and as prescribed by the commissioner; or

7 (2) A noise level of ~~75~~ 70 decibels when subjected to an operational test  
8 measured with and without cutouts engaged and as prescribed by the  
9 commissioner.

10 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13070, sub-§7, ¶B**, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and  
11 amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §382 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

12 B. A person may not operate an airmobile in such a manner as to exceed:

13 (1) A noise level of ~~90~~ 85 decibels when subjected to a stationary sound level  
14 test with and without cutouts engaged and as prescribed by the commissioner; or

15 (2) A noise level of ~~75~~ 70 decibels when subjected to an operational test  
16 measured with and without cutouts engaged and as prescribed by the  
17 commissioner.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill reduces the permissible stationary sound level of watercraft and airmobiles  
20 from 90 decibels to 85 decibels and permissible operational sound level from 75 decibels  
21 to 70 decibels.