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An Act To Reduce Noise Pollution

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2062-A is enacted to read:**

3 **§2062-A. Motorcycle noise levels**

4 **1. Exhaust mufflers.** A person may not operate a motorcycle unless:

5 A. For a motorcycle manufactured after December 31, 1982, it is equipped with an
6 exhaust muffler bearing the federal Environmental Protection Agency required
7 labeling applicable to the motorcycle's model year in accordance with 40 Code of
8 Federal Regulations, Part 205, Subpart D and Subpart E; or

9 B. The motorcycle is equipped with a muffler or exhaust system that does not emit
10 noise in excess of 82 decibels as measured 25 feet from the motorcycle.

11 **2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a traffic infraction for which
12 a fine of not less than \$250 may be adjudged. The court may waive the fine if the person
13 presents proof that the motorcycle has been brought into compliance with this section
14 within 14 days after the citation.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes maximum allowable noise level standards for motorcycle
17 mufflers and exhaust systems. The bill also provides that a person who violates noise
18 level standards may be subject to a fine of \$250 unless the person brings the motorcycle
19 into compliance within 14 days after the citation.