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House of Representatives, December 23, 2009

An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2009. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Millient M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Cumberland and Representatives: COHEN of Portland, GILBERT of Jay, PILON of Saco, SHAW of Standish, STUCKEY of Portland.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1912, sub-§1-A is enacted to read: |
| 3 | 1-A. Excessive noise within posted areas. A person may not operate a motor |
| 4 | vehicle in an area designated as a quiet zone by the department or the Maine Turnpike |
| 5 | Authority and clearly identified as such by posted signs if the noise emitted by the motor |
| 6 | vehicle exhaust system exceeds 62 decibels at a distance of 50 feet or greater. This |
| 7 | subsection does not apply to motor carriers governed by 40 Code of Federal Regulations, |
| 8 | Part 202 (1986). |
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| 9 . | SUMMARY |
| 10 | The bill clarifies the law regarding excessive noise as it relates to mufflers and |
| 1] | exhaust systems of motor vehicles operated within posted areas designated by the |
| 12 | Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority. |
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