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An Act To Improve Enforcement of Snowmobile Noise Levels

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLACK of Wilton, DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of
Portland, MASON of Lisbon, PIERCE of Dresden, SKOLFIELD of Weld, WOOD of Greene.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§14**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 340, §20, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **14. Snowmobile noise level limits.** This subsection governs noise levels for
5 snowmobiles.

6 A. Except as provided in section 13112, a person may not:

7 ~~(1) Operate a snowmobile that exceeds the noise limits for that snowmobile~~
8 ~~established in paragraph B; or~~

9 (2) Operate a snowmobile with an exhaust system that has been modified in a
10 manner that amplifies or otherwise increases total noise emission above that of
11 the snowmobile as originally constructed, regardless of the date of manufacture.

12 ~~B. The following noise levels are established:~~

13 ~~(1) Every snowmobile manufactured after February 1, 1975 and offered for sale~~
14 ~~or sold in this State must be constructed to limit total vehicle noise to not more~~
15 ~~than 78 decibels of sound pressure level at 50 feet on the "A" scale, as measured~~
16 ~~by the SAE standards J-192;~~

17 ~~(2) Snowmobiles manufactured after October 1, 1973, but on or before February~~
18 ~~1, 1975, and offered for sale or sold in this State must be constructed to limit the~~
19 ~~total vehicle noise to not more than 82 decibels of sound pressure level at 50 feet~~
20 ~~on the "A" scale, as measured by the SAE standards J-192; and~~

21 ~~(3) Snowmobiles manufactured on or before October 1, 1973 are not subject to a~~
22 ~~specific noise level, except that they may not be modified in violation of this~~
23 ~~subsection.~~

24 C. The following penalties apply to violations of this subsection.

25 (1) A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a
26 fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

27 (2) A person who violates this subsection after having been adjudicated as
28 having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-
29 year period commits a Class E crime.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill removes provisions regarding snowmobile noise levels to reflect current
32 snowmobile manufacturing standards.