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## **An Act To Reduce Road Noise within Posted Areas**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1912, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Excessive noise within posted areas.** A person may not operate a motor vehicle in an area designated as a quiet zone by the department or the Maine Turnpike Authority and clearly identified as such by posted signs if the noise emitted by the motor vehicle exhaust system exceeds 62 decibels at a distance of 50 feet or greater. This subsection does not apply to motor carriers governed by 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 202 (1986).

### **SUMMARY**

The bill clarifies the law regarding excessive noise as it relates to mufflers and exhaust systems of motor vehicles operated within posted areas designated by the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority.