

HOUSE No. 720

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to unreasonable or excessive noise.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colette Whitby

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

44 Green Road

North Brookfield

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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 720) of Colette Whitby relative to excessive noise in residential areas. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to unreasonable or excessive noise.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general or special law to the
2 contrary, no person shall make or cause to be made any unreasonable or excessive noise in any
3 residential area in Massachusetts between the hours of 11:00 p.m and 7:00 a.m, by whatever
4 means or from whatever means or from whatever source. As used herein, the following terms
5 shall have the following meanings:

6 a. dBa shall mean A-weighted sound level in decibels, as measured by a general purpose
7 sound level meter complying with the provisions of the American National Standard Institute,
8 "Specifications far Sound Level Meter (ANSI SIR 19711)", properly calibrated, and operated on
9 the "A" weighting network

10 b. Loud amplification device or similar equipment shall mean a radio, television,
11 phonograph, stereo, record player, tape player, cassette player, compact disc player, loud
12 speaker, or sound amplifier which is operated in such a manner that it creates unreasonable or
13 excessive noise.

14 c. Unreasonable or excessive noise shall mean

15 1. Noise measured in excess of 50 dBa

16 2. In the absence of an applicable noise level standard or regulation of the Air Pollution
17 control commission, any noise plainly audible at a distance of three hundred (300) feet or, in the
18 case of loud amplification devices of similar equipment, noise plainly audible at a distance of
19 one hundred (100) feet from its source by a person of normal hearing