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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - NOISE LIMITS FOR MOTOR
VEHICLES

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Housing & Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-45-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-45 entitled "Noise
2 Limits for Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-45-1. Noise limits.** -- (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, nor shall the owner
4 of any vehicle allow the vehicle to be operated, at any time, ~~or under any condition of grade, load,~~
5 ~~acceleration, or deceleration,~~ in such a manner as to exceed the following noise limit based on the
6 idle test procedure in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers ("S.A.E.") Standard
7 J2825 issued May, 2009. ~~a distance of fifty feet (50') from the center of the lane of travel within~~
8 ~~the speed limit.~~ For the purposes of this section, "dbA" means decibels measured with a
9 calibrated sound level meter weighted to the "A" scale.

10 (b) ~~In speed zones of thirty five miles per hour (35 mph) or less, not more than eighty-~~
11 ~~six (86) dbA. In speed zones of more than thirty five miles per hour (35 mph), not more than~~
12 ~~ninety (90) dbA.~~ No motor vehicle shall exceed ninety-two (92) dbA at idle when measured in
13 accordance with S.A.E. Standard J2825.

14 (c) Violations of this section are subject to fines enumerated in section 31-41.1-4.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that no motor vehicle shall exceed the (92) dbA noise limit based
- 2 upon the idle test procedure as established by the Society of Automotive Engineers.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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