A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE CONTROL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 291-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 "\$291-23 Penalty. Whoever is convicted of violating any
- 4 of the provisions of section 291-22 shall be fined not more than
- **5** [\$100.] \$200."
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 291-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 7 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 8 "(c) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more
- 9 than [\$100."
- 10 SECTION 3. Section 291-24.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
- "(b) Any violation of this section shall constitute a
- 13 violation and shall be enforceable by police officers. The fine
- 14 for this violation shall be not less than [\$25] \$50 nor more
- 15 than [\$250] \$500 for each separate offense. Any person who
- 16 violates the provisions of this section may be issued a summons
- 17 or citation for such violation."

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| 1 | SECTION 4. Section 342F-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is |
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| 2 | amended to read as follows: |
| 3 | "[+]§342F-30[+] Prohibition. (a) No person, including |
| 4 | any public body, shall engage in activity which produces |
| 5 | excessive noise without first securing approval in writing from |
| 6 | the director; provided that this section shall not apply to any |
| 7 | school activity which is approved by school authorities. For |
| 8 | purposes of this section, "school activity" means a public or |
| 9 | private school function for students up through the twelfth |
| 10 | grade which is approved by the school principal or an authorized |
| 11 | representative. These activities shall be limited to the hours |
| 12 | of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. |
| 13 | (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or any other provision |
| 14 | of law to the contrary, no person, including any public body, |
| 15 | shall play, use, operate, or permit to be played, used, or |
| 16 | operated, any radio, tape recorder, cassette player, or other |
| 17 | machine or device for reproducing sound if: |
| 18 | (1) It is located in or on any of the following: |
| 19 | (A) Any public property, including any public street, |
| 20 | highway, building, sidewalk, park, or |
| 21 | thoroughfare; or |

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| 1 | (B) Any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped on a |
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| 2 | public street, highway, or public space; and |
| 3 | (2) The sound exceeds the maximum permissible sound levels |
| 4 | in dBA as established by department rule pursuant to |
| 5 | section 342F-31." |
| 6 | SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that |
| 7 | matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were |
| 8 | begun before its effective date. |
| 9 | SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed |
| 10 | and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. |
| 11 | SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. |
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Report Title:

Department of Health; Noise Pollution; Noise Control; Excessive Noise; Exhaust Pipes; Mufflers; Violations; Penalties

Description:

Prohibits the playing of music above a certain decibel level on public property or from certain vehicles on a public street, highway, or public space. Increases penalties for noisy muffler or exhaust system violations for motorcycles, mopeds, and motor vehicles.

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