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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NOISE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291-24.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§291-24.5[+] Motor vehicle muffler. (a) No person  
4 shall use on a public highway, sell, alter, or install a muffler  
5 ~~[which will noticeably increase the noise emitted by a motor~~  
6 ~~vehicle above that emitted by the vehicle as equipped from the~~  
7 ~~factory.]~~ that emits more than ninety-five decibels of sound.

8 (b) Any violation of this section shall constitute a  
9 violation and shall be enforceable by police officers. The fine  
10 for this violation shall be not less than \$25 nor more than \$250  
11 for each separate offense. Any person who violates the  
12 provisions of this section may be issued a summons or citation  
13 for such violation.

14 (c) The director of transportation shall adopt  
15 administrative rules in accordance with chapter 91 for testing  
16 standards to effectuate this section. These rules shall include  
17 specifications for:



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- 1        (1) The testing site;  
2        (2) The placement of the sound level meter microphone on a  
3        motor vehicle during testing;  
4        (3) Engine operation during testing; and  
5        (4) All necessary procedures for measuring exhaust sound  
6        levels."

7        SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicle Mufflers; Noise Emissions

**Description:**

Prohibits use, sale, alteration, or installation of motor vehicle mufflers that emit more than 95 decibels of sound.

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