

By Mr. Manning of Waltham, petition of Donald J. Manning relative to establishing noise limits for certain motor vehicles and motorcycles. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT TO REGULATE MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE LIMITS.

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

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 7Q the following section: —

3 *Section 7R.* No person shall sell or offer for sale a new motor  
4 vehicle which produces a maximum noise exceeding the following  
5 noise limit at a distance of fifty feet from the centerline of travel  
6 under test procedures established by the registrar:

7 (1) Any motorcycle manufactured before January 1, 1970 . . . . .  
8 . . . . . 92 dbA

9 (2) Any motorcycle, other than a motor-driven cycle, manu-  
10 factured on or after January 1, 1970, and before January 1, 1973  
11 . . . . . 88 dbA

12 (3) Any motorcycle, other than a motor-driven cycle manu-  
13 factured on or after January 1, 1973 . . . . . 86 dbA

14 (4) Any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000  
15 pounds or more manufactured on or after January 1, 1968 and  
16 before January 1, 1973 . . . . . 86 dbA

17 (5) Any motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000  
18 pounds or more manufactured on or after January 1, 1973 86 dbA

19 (6) Any other motor vehicle manufactured on or after January 1,  
20 1968, and before January 1, 1973 . . . . . 86 dbA

21 (7) Any other motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1973  
22 . . . . . 84 dbA

23 Test procedures shall be established by the registrar, taking into  
24 consideration the test procedures of the society of automotive  
25 engineers.

