

HOUSE No. 3322

By Mr. Ahearn of Norwood, petition of David C. Ahearn for legislation to control noise created by motor vehicles operated on public ways. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT TO CONTROL NOISE RESULTING FROM MOTOR VEHICLES OPERATION ON A PUBLIC WAY.

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 16 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended
2 by chapter 66 of the acts of 1961, is hereby further amended
3 by inserting after the second sentence, the following sentence:
4 —No motor vehicle, other than an authorized emergency
5 vehicle or a vehicle moving under special permit, or motor-
6 cycle which makes or creates unusual noise, or noise which
7 exceeds eighty-eight decibels on the "A" scale, shall be oper-
8 ated upon a public way. In testing vehicles for compliance
9 with the foregoing restriction upon the intensity of noise
10 produced, the vehicle being tested shall be moving at a rate
11 of speed not in excess of thirty-five miles per hour, and the
12 decibel-measuring apparatus shall be fifty feet from the cen-
13 ter of the lane being used by the tested vehicle in such test.

