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H.733

Introduced by Representatives Sharpe of Bristol and Fisher of Lincoln

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; motorcycles; noise control; decibel measurement

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to establish noise reduction requirements for motorcycles and to prohibit the bypassing, modifying, or removing of exhaust or other noise-reduction equipment on these vehicles.

An act relating to regulating the decibel limits for motorcycles

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1256a is added to read

§ 1256a. MOTORCYCLE NOISE EMISSIONS

(a) All motorcycles shall be equipped with a muffler system and such other equipment or devices which reduce maximum machine operating noise to a noise level of not more than 80 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet in a normal operating environment. The muffler system and all other noise-reduction equipment on a motorcycle shall not be bypassed, modified, or removed in a manner which violates the noise limitation imposed in this section.

(b) Any person selling or offering to sell a motorcycle or replacement muffler system, whether at wholesale or retail, shall include in the

- 1 specifications precise information concerning the designed maximum sound
- 2 levels of the motorcycle or replacement muffler system.