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An Act To Enhance Local Control of Noise Ordinances

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Bethel. Cosponsored by Representative: LONG of Sherman. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1912, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 639, §1, is
further amended to read:

1. Muffler required. A person may not operate a motor vehicle unless that vehicle is equipped with an adequate muffler properly maintained to prevent excessive or unusual noise. For purposes of this subsection, "excessive or unusual noise" includes motor noise emitted by a motor vehicle that is noticeably louder than similar vehicles in the environment.

9 Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1912, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2009, c. 639, §2, is 10 further amended to read:

3. Amplification prohibited. A person may not operate a motor vehicle with an
exhaust system that has been modified when the result of that modification is the
amplification to amplify or increase of the noise emitted by the motor above that emitted
by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle.

15 Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §3015 is enacted to read:

16 §3015. Noise ordinance

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- 17 <u>A municipality may adopt an ordinance to regulate noise.</u>
 - SUMMARY
- 19 This bill gives municipalities the authority to adopt ordinances to regulate noise, and 20 amends the laws governing motor vehicle noise to restore the laws that existed prior to 21 Deliver a 2000 alor to 620

21 Public Law 2009, chapter 639.