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HOUSE BILL NO. 1076

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN (57).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 306.147, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to motorboat noise level limits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 306.147, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 306.147, to read as follows:

306.147. 1. As used in this section, the term "muffler" means a sound suppression device or system designed and installed to abate the sound of exhaust gases emitted from an internal combustion engine and which prevents excessive or unusual noise.

2. Effective January 1, 1996, a person shall not manufacture, sell or offer for sale or operate in this state any motorboat manufactured after that date that exceeds the noise level of 90dB(A) when subjected to a stationary sound level test as prescribed by SAE J2005. All motorboats manufactured prior to January 1, 1996, shall not exceed eighty-six decibels on an A-weighted scale when subjected to a sound level test as prescribed by SAE J34 when measured from a distance of fifty or more feet from the motorboat.

3. No person shall remove, alter or otherwise modify in any way a muffler or muffler system in a manner which will prevent it from being operated in accordance with this section. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from removing, altering or modifying a muffler or muffler system so long as the muffler or muffler system continues to comply with subsection 2 of this section. This section shall not be construed so as to prohibit the use of any exhaust system or device, including but not limited to those not discharging water with exhaust gases, so long as the device or system is in compliance with subsection 2 of this section.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 4. No motorboat shall be equipped with any electrical or mechanical device or switch
18 that when manipulated in any manner would allow the muffler or exhaust system to emit a noise
19 level that exceeds the maximums in subsection 2 of this section.

20 5. Effective January 1, 1996, a person shall not manufacture, nor shall any person sell
21 or offer for sale any motorboat which is manufactured after January 1, 1996, which is equipped
22 with a muffler or muffler system which does not comply with this section. [The] **This** subsection
23 shall not apply to power vessels designed, manufactured and sold for the sole purpose of
24 competing in racing events and for no other purpose. Any such exemption or exception shall be
25 documented in every sale agreement and shall be formally acknowledged by signature on the part
26 of both the buyer and the seller. Copies of such agreement shall be maintained by both parties.
27 A copy of such agreement shall be kept on board whenever the motorboat is operated. Any
28 motorboat sold under this exemption may only be operated on the waters of this state in
29 accordance with subsection 7 of this section.

30 6. As of January 1, 1996, every manufacturer which delivers a new motorboat for sale
31 in this state shall certify, if the purchaser or dealer makes a request in writing, that the decibel
32 level of the motorboat engine, muffler and exhaust system, as delivered to any licensed dealer
33 in this state, does not exceed the noise level of 90dB(A) when subjected to a stationary sound
34 level test as prescribed by SAE J2005. Such certificate of decibel level from the manufacturer
35 shall be given by the dealer to the purchaser of the new motorboat if the motorboat is sold for
36 use upon the waters of this state. The purchaser shall sign a statement acknowledging receipt
37 of the certificate of decibel level which shall be supplied by the dealer. The dealer shall
38 represent by affidavit whether or not the engine or muffler system of the new motorboat being
39 sold has been altered or modified in any way.

40 7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to motorboats registered and actually
41 participating in a racing event or tune-up periods for such racing events or to a motorboat being
42 operated by a boat or engine manufacturer for the purpose of testing or development. The
43 operator of any motorboat operated upon the waters of this state for the purpose of a tune-up for
44 a sanctioned race or for testing or development by a boat or engine manufacturer shall at all times
45 have in such operator's possession and produce on demand by a law enforcement officer a test
46 permit issued by the water patrol division. For the purpose of races or racing events, such race
47 shall only be sanctioned when conducted in accordance with and approved by the United States
48 Coast Guard or this state.

49 8. Any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this section who has probable
50 cause to believe that a motorboat is not in compliance with the noise levels established in this
51 section may direct the operator of such motorboat to submit the motorboat to an on-site test to
52 measure noise levels, with the officer on board if such officer chooses, and the operator shall

53 comply with such request. The owner of any motorboat which violates any provision of this
54 section shall have sixty days from the date of the violation to bring the motorboat into
55 compliance with the provisions of this section. Thereafter, it shall be the owner's responsibility
56 to have the motorboat tested by the water patrol division. If the motorboat fails the water patrol
57 division test, the owner shall immediately moor the motorboat and shall keep the motorboat
58 moored until the water patrol division certifies that the motorboat is in compliance with the
59 provisions of this section. Any person who fails to comply with a request or direction of an
60 officer made pursuant to this subsection is guilty of a class C misdemeanor. Nothing in this
61 subsection shall be construed to limit the officer's ability to enforce this section and to issue
62 citations to the owner or operator of any motorboat during the sixty-day compliance period.

63 9. Any officer who conducts motorboat sound level tests as provided in this section shall
64 be qualified in motorboat noise testing by the department of public safety. Such qualifications
65 shall include but may not be limited to the selection of the measurement site, and the calibration
66 and use of noise testing equipment in accordance with the testing procedure prescribed by SAE
67 J2005 and SAE J34.

68 10. Unless otherwise indicated, any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty
69 of an infraction for a first offense with a penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars, is guilty of
70 an infraction for a second offense with a penalty not to exceed two hundred dollars, and is guilty
71 of an infraction for a third or subsequent offense with a penalty not to exceed three hundred
72 dollars.

73 11. This section shall not apply to motorboats not intended for use in this state.

74 **12. The provisions of this section shall not apply to motorboats registered for and**
75 **actually participating in any fishing tournament held at the Harry S. Truman Reservoir.**

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