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2 Senator White moves that the bill be amended by inserting a new Sec. 47
3 and corresponding reader assistance heading to read as follows:

4 * * * Excessive Motor Vehicle Noise Study Committee; Report * * *

5 Sec. 47. EXCESSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE STUDY COMMITTEE;

6 REPORT

7 (a) Creation. There is created the Excessive Motor Vehicle Noise Study
8 Committee to examine the current enforcement practices around excessive
9 motor vehicle noise and make recommendations on ways to ensure that all
10 motor vehicles operated on highways in Vermont meet the following
11 standards:

12 (1) the 83-decibel standard at 50 feet, for vehicles manufactured after
13 January 1, 1979 and before January 1, 1988; and

14 (2) the 80-decibel standard at 50 feet, for vehicles manufactured on and
15 after January 1, 1988.

16 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following
17 members:

18 (1) one current member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
19 the Speaker of the House;

20 (2) one current member of the Senate, appointed by the Committee on
21 Committees;

1 (3) one member of law enforcement, designated by the Commissioner of
2 Public Safety;

3 (4) one member to represent State inspection stations, who is either the
4 owner or operator of a State inspection station or a State employee, designated
5 by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; and

6 (5) one member, designated by the Board of Directors for the Vermont
7 League of Cities and Towns.

8 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study excessive motor vehicle
9 noise in the State, including the following:

10 (1) how to ensure that only motor vehicles that meet the standards listed
11 in subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section are operated on highways in
12 Vermont;

13 (2) costs to incorporate noise testing into the State motor vehicle
14 inspection required under 23 V.S.A. § 1222 and the State’s Periodic Inspection
15 Manual;

16 (3) costs to train law enforcement officers on noise testing; and

17 (4) approaches to minimize excessive motor vehicle noise that have
18 been taken in other states, including increased enforcement by law
19 enforcement coupled with an objective noise standard defense.

20 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
21 and legal assistance of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

1 (e) Report. On or before January 1, 2025, the Committee shall submit a
2 written report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on
3 Transportation with its findings and any recommendations for legislative
4 action.

5 (f) Meetings.

6 (1) The member designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
7 shall call the first meeting of the Committee to occur on or before September 1,
8 2023.

9 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
10 first meeting.

11 (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

12 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on February 15, 2025.

13 (g) Compensation and reimbursement.

14 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
15 Assembly, a legislative member of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
16 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 23 for
17 not more than six meetings. These payments shall be made from monies
18 appropriated to the General Assembly.

19 (2) Other members of the Committee who are not employees of the
20 State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for
21 their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement

1 of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than six
2 meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the
3 Department of Motor Vehicles.
4 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.