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Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

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Referred to Committee on

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Date:

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Subject: Motor vehicles; noise

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Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit a

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person from operating on a highway a motor vehicle equipped with an

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inadequate or modified muffler or exhaust system or with an amplification

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device.

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An act relating to prohibiting excessive and unusual motor vehicle noise

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

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Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1221 is amended to read:

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§ 1221. CONDITION OF VEHICLE

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(a) A motor vehicle, operated on any highway, shall be in good mechanical

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condition and shall be properly equipped.

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(b)(1) A person shall not operate on a highway a motor vehicle equipped

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with a muffler lacking interior baffle plates or other effective muffling devices,

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a gutted muffler, a muffler cutout, a straight pipe exhaust, or a device or

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modification which amplifies the noise emitted by the vehicle.

1           (2) The prohibition of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply  
2           when a motor vehicle is operated in a race, contest, or demonstration of speed  
3           or skill at an authorized public exhibition held in accordance with state or  
4           municipal law or land use permits.

5           (c) A motor vehicle equipped or modified as described in subdivision  
6           (b)(1) of this section shall not pass an inspection required under section 1222  
7           of this title. A person who violates subsection (b) of this section shall be  
8           subject to a fine of not less than:

9                   (1) \$100.00 for a first violation;

10                   (2) \$200.00 for a second violation; and

11                   (3) \$350.00 for a third or subsequent violation.

12           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

13                   This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.