
HOUSE BILL 2412

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By Representatives Bush and Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing nuisance noise from vehicle sound
2 systems; adding new sections to chapter 70.107 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 minimize the exposure of citizens to the harmful effects of excessive
7 noise and to control the level of noise in a manner that promotes
8 commerce; the use, value, and enjoyment of property; sleep and repose;
9 and the quality of the environment.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A person shall not cause or allow to be
11 emitted on a public road, park, or other such real property or
12 structure, project, development, or improvement attached to real
13 property sound from a motor vehicle audio sound system, such as a
14 radio, tape player, or compact disc player, at a volume so as to be
15 audible greater than fifty feet from the source without the prior
16 written approval of the appropriate agency having jurisdiction over the
17 road, park, or other such real property.

1 A person who is guilty of violating this section is subject on the
2 first offense to a fine of not less than three hundred dollars. On
3 each subsequent violation, the person is subject to twice the amount of
4 fine as on the last infraction.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** One-third of the proceeds from any fine
6 imposed under section 2 of this act shall go to the law enforcement
7 agency issuing the infraction notice, one-third to the prosecuting
8 authority of the jurisdiction in which the infraction occurred, and
9 one-third to the court of jurisdiction over the matter.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this
11 act are cumulative and nonexclusive, and shall not affect any other
12 claim, cause of action or remedy; nor, unless specifically provided,
13 shall this section be deemed to repeal, amend, or modify any law,
14 ordinance, or regulation relating to noise, but shall be deemed
15 additional to existing legislation and common law on noise.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are each
17 added to chapter 70.107 RCW.

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