

This bill does not pass even the most basic test of reasonability. The existing set of laws are quite clear in defining maximum allowable noise limits for motor vehicles, based off the "25 foot decibel test" as defined by the Department of Environmental Quality. Under this reasonable provision, exhausts may currently be modified in such a way to improve their tone and flow performance, correct common faults in OEM designs, and yes, also slightly increase noise output; as long as these systems remain ultimately within a certain decibel range to remain unobtrusive to the general public during operation. Hundreds of aftermarket exhaust manufacturers have produced kits to this effect for a wide range of vehicles, ranging from factory-built sports cars to custom fabricated hot rods, all of which create a tasteful engine tone without excessive noise pollution.

This bill, in it's current poor, open-ended wording, instead removes that reasonable noise provision, and creates a blanket ban on the modification of ANY exhaust in any way, shape or form if it has the \*potential\* to increase a vehicle's noise output, regardless of whether that increase would have remained within the reasonable limits established previously.

American motorsports has been a popular pastime ever since the first motor vehicles began plying our roads some 120 years ago. It should remain in the Legislature's best interest to not infringe on the freedoms held by its citizens to partake in those hobbies and interests that they desire, for a bill that arguably results in little perceived gain to the public good. This bill should preferably scrapped altogether in favor of effective enforcement of the existing reasonable noise control rules.