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H.B. No. 3813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain municipalities to impose regulations on amplified sound from certain venues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Entertainment and Hospitality Revitalization Act of 2021.

SECTION 2. Chapter 217, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 217.901. REGULATION OF SOUND FROM CERTAIN VENUES IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES PROHIBITED. (a) This section applies only to a municipality with a population of 750,000 or more that is primarily located in a county with a population of 1.5 million or less.

(b) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance that regulates the production of amplified sound from a bar or live music venue located in a residential area if the sound is produced:

(1) from a loudspeaker or sound amplifier at a level that does not exceed 75 decibels; and

(2) at any time between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 a.m.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.