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H.B. No. 3918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicle muffler noise requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 547.604, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A motor vehicle may not emit a sound of more than 95 decibels, measured 20 inches from the tailpipe of the muffler, while the vehicle is operating in neutral between 3,000 and 5,000 revolutions per minute.

SECTION 2. Section 548.051(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile home, registered in this state, must have the following items inspected at an inspection station or by an inspector:

- (1) tires;
- (2) wheel assembly;
- (3) safety guards or flaps, if required by Section 547.606;
- (4) brake system, including power brake unit;
- (5) steering system, including power steering;
- (6) lighting equipment;
- (7) horns and warning devices;
- (8) mirrors;
- (9) windshield wipers;

1 (10) suncreening devices, unless the vehicle is
2 exempt from sunscreen device restrictions under Section [547.613](#);

3 (11) front seat belts in vehicles on which seat belt
4 anchorages were part of the manufacturer's original equipment;

5 (12) exhaust system, including the muffler;

6 (13) exhaust emission system;

7 (14) fuel tank cap, using pressurized testing
8 equipment approved by department rule; and

9 (15) emissions control equipment as designated by
10 department rule.

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