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H.B. No. 2691

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the permissible noise level of a sound emitted from a motor vehicle audible warning device.

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

SECTION 1. Section 547.501(d), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A warning device, including a horn, may not emit:

(1) a sound that exceeds a decibel level prescribed by department rule; or

(2) an unreasonably [~~loud or~~] harsh sound or a whistle.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt the rules to implement Section 547.501(d), Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act in amending Section 547.501(d), Transportation Code, apply only to an offense committed on or after the date rules adopted by the department to implement that subsection take effect. An offense committed before the date the rules take effect is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.