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H.B. No. 3641

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of counties to regulate noise levels in
residential areas; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 240, Local Government Code, is amended
by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. COUNTY REGULATION OF NOISE LEVELS

Sec. 240.061. AUTHORITY TO REGULATE. (a) To promote public
health, safety, and welfare, the commissioners court of a county by
order may regulate the level of noise emanating from a residence or
a tract of land located in a residential area in the unincorporated
area of the county.

(b) This section does not authorize the commissioners court
of a county to regulate:

(1) the use of fireworks; or

(2) noise emanating from a business activity.

Sec. 240.062. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person commits an
offense if the person on two or more occasions violates an order
adopted under this subchapter.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.