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H.B. No. 3641

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

SUBCHAPTER D. COUNTY REGULATION OF NOISE LEVELS

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

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

15 (1) the use of fireworks; or

16 (2) noise emanating from a business activity.

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

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

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