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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNREASONABLE NOISE LEVELS

Introduced By: Representatives Trillo, Slater, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-45.1 of the General Laws entitled "Unreasonable Noise Levels"

2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-45.1-2.1. Intermittent and recurring noise.** – No person or entity shall create or set  
4 off or cause to be created or set off any loud noise or sound-emitting device which emits a sound  
5 in excess of eighty (80) decibels either hourly, daily, weekly, monthly or other consistent period  
6 if the noise or device can be heard within a four hundred foot (400') radius from the location from  
7 which the sound is originated or the device located except for ceremonial noise emitted on an  
8 annual or semi-annual basis and except for music or live entertainment consistent with city or  
9 town ordinances. Special permits for the emission of such noise or use of a sound-emitting device  
10 may be granted by a city or town for the emission of such noise for individual events which occur  
11 on a single occasion.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would prohibit setting off recurring noise in excess of eighty (80) decibels if
- 2 audible within a four hundred foot (400') radius.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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