

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE BILL NO. 2342  
(Senator Erbele)  
(Representative Brandenburg)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regulation of boats to prevent excessive noise; and to provide a penalty.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Regulation of noise from boats - Penalty.**

1. A boat operated on the waters of this state between the hours of twelve midnight and five a.m. may not produce a noise in excess of eighty-eight decibels for more than ten minutes.
2. For purposes of subsection 1, the decibel level of a boat must be measured from the shoreline closest to the location from which a complainant or other individual noticed the noise.
3. A boat operator who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 noncriminal offense.
4. A boat operator cited for a violation of this section may not operate the boat that produced the noise in violation of this section until a muffler is installed.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2342.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 29            Nays 17            Absent 1

House Vote:    Yeas 60            Nays 25            Absent 9

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State