



Joseph G. Aninao

Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

H.B. 266

123rd General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Roberts, Mottley, Haines, Hartnett, D. Miller, Metelsky, Clancy, Vesper, Pringle, Smith, DePiero, Barrett, Bender, Patton, Corbin, Opfer, Boyd, Terwilleger, Jerse, Ford, Jolivette

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a board of township trustees to adopt regulations to prohibit generally the operation of a motor vehicle on a street or highway in the unincorporated area of a township if the sound amplification system is discernible outside the vehicle at a distance of 100 feet or more.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill provides that except in a township or a portion of a township that is within the limits of a municipal corporation and except for the circumstances described in below items (1) to (4), a board of township trustees of a township may adopt any regulations that are necessary to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle on a street or highway in the township if the sound from any sound amplification system located inside of, outside of but attached to, or held by a person inside the motor vehicle is discernible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the vehicle (sec. 505.174(A)).

The bill prohibits a board of township trustees from adopting a regulation under the bill that applies to any of the following circumstances (sec. 505.174(B)):

(1) The sound amplification system of the motor vehicle is being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn others of a hazardous road condition.

(2) The motor vehicle is an emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle and is on an emergency run.

(3) The motor vehicle is owned and operated by the state, a political subdivision, or a public utility.

(4) The motor vehicle is participating in a parade permitted by any political subdivision.

Whoever violates any regulation adopted under the bill is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. All fines collected under the bill must be paid into the township general revenue fund. (Sec. 505.174(C).)

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE	JOURNAL ENTRY
Introduced	03-22-99	p. 331

H0266-I.123/jc