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HOUSE BILL            ***391-FN***

AN ACT                establishing a committee to study options for mitigation of damages associated with highway noise.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Keith Murphy, Hills 7

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a committee to consider options for mitigating damages associated with highway noise.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

AN ACT                    establishing a committee to study options for mitigation of damages associated with highway noise.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            122:1 Committee to Study Options for Mitigation of Damages Associated With Highway Noise.

2            I. There is established a committee to study options for mitigating damages associated with  
3 highway noise.

4            II. The members of the committee shall be 5 members of the house of representatives, one of  
5 whom shall be a member of the public works and highways committee, appointed by the speaker of  
6 the house of representatives.

7            III. Members of the committee shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to  
8 the duties of the committee.

9            IV. The committee shall:

10            (a) Review data regarding the cost and effectiveness of methods of ameliorating road  
11 noise including methods used in New Hampshire, methods used in other states, and methods that  
12 are currently in development.

13            (b) Gather and review information on the effects noise levels above 65 decibels have on  
14 people whose primary residences abut highways, including testimony from affected individuals.

15            (c) Investigate options for mitigating damages caused by highway noise including  
16 compensation, methods detailed by the department, and any other technology that may exist.

17            V. The members of the committee shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The  
18 first meeting of the committee shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of  
19 the committee shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Three members of the  
20 committee shall constitute a quorum.

21            VI. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed  
22 legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house  
23 clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2013.

24            122:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

25            Approved: June 25, 2013

26            Effective Date: June 25, 2013