

Amendment to HB 252

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT exempting certain agricultural operations from certain municipal noise ordinances.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing sections 1 and 2 with the following:

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7 1 Purpose and Powers of Towns; Noise Ordinances; Agricultural Activities Exempt. Amend RSA  
8 31:39, I(n) to read as follows:

9 (n) Regulating noise, ***except that no "quiet hours" ordinance or bylaw that***  
10 ***attempts to regulate noise from activities related to farms, agriculture, and farming as***  
11 ***defined in RSA 21:34-a shall be enforceable within a town. This exception shall not apply***  
12 ***to agritourism as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(b)(5).***

13 2 New Paragraph: Powers of City Councils; Bylaws and Ordinances; Agricultural Activities  
14 Exempt. Amend RSA 47:17 by inserting after paragraph XIX the following new paragraph:

15 XX. No "quiet hours" ordinance or bylaw that attempts to regulate noise from activities  
16 related to farms, agriculture, and farming as defined in RSA 21:34-a shall be enforceable within a  
17 city. This exception shall not apply to agritourism as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(b)(5).

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill exempts farming and agricultural operations, excluding agritourism activities, from municipal noise ordinances.