

Floor 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 1-2 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, with the exception of agritourism, shall be enforceable within a*
12 *town.*

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, with the exception of
17 agritourism, shall be enforceable within a city.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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