STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. ANDERSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring individuals or corporations to obtain a sound permit from a municipality in certain situations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 99-x to read as follows:

§ 99-x. Sound permit requirement. 1. An individual or corporation shall be required to apply for and obtain a sound permit from a municipality if:

(a) a sound source is planned, installed or intended to be installed, or modified by any individual or corporation in a manner that such source will create or is likely to create unreasonable noise;

(b) any individual or corporation uses or plans to use any sound-amplifying equipment in a manner that such equipment is or will be heard outside of any building or vehicle during nighttime hours; or

(c) any individual or corporation uses or plans to use a public-address system that will produce unreasonable noise outside of a building.

2. Applications for a sound permit shall be submitted seventy-two hours in advance of an event in a manner and form prescribed by the municipality.

3. The failure of any individual or corporation to comply with this section shall result in the issuance of a written warning by the municipality. Any individual or corporation who violates this section:

(a) for a second time shall be subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars;

(b) for a third time shall be subject to a civil penalty of one thousand dollars; and

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(c) for each additional violation after that, shall be subject to a civil penalty of an additional one thousand dollars added to the previous violation amount charged.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.