

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 13, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

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:

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

3 § 99-x. Sound permit requirement. 1. An individual or corporation
4 shall be required to apply for and obtain a sound permit from a munici-
5 pality if:

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

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

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

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

17 3. The failure of any individual or corporation to comply with this
18 section shall result in the issuance of a written warning by the munici-
19 pality. Any individual or corporation who violates this section:

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

22 (b) for a third time shall be subject to a civil penalty of one thou-
23 sand dollars; and

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

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1 (c) for each additional violation after that, shall be subject to a
2 civil penalty of an additional one thousand dollars added to the previ-
3 ous violation amount charged.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.