

CHAPTER 61
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HOUSE BILL **272**

AN ACT exempting certain agricultural practices from municipal noise regulation.

SPONSORS: Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. Kenny, Hills. 13

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

ANALYSIS

This bill removes "quiet hours" language, exempting certain agricultural practices from municipal noise regulation.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 61:1 Powers and Duties of Towns; Power to Make Bylaws. Amend RSA 31:39, I(n) to read as
2 follows:

3 (n) Regulating noise, except that no [~~quiet hours~~] ordinance or bylaw that attempts to
4 regulate noise from activities related to farms, agriculture, and farming as defined in RSA 21:34-a shall be
5 enforceable within a town. This exception shall not apply to agritourism as defined in RSA 21:34-a,
6 II(b)(5).

7 61:2 Powers of City Councils; Bylaws and Ordinances. Amend RSA 47:17, XX to read as follows:

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

61:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: June 02, 2025
Effective Date: August 01, 2025