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		88 dbA @ < 35 mph 92 dbA @ > 35 mph			gases to either side.
<b>Delaware</b> 21 Del.C. § 4311	No Provisions Found				
<b>Florida</b> West's F.S.A. § 316.272 § 403.415	> 10,000	83 dbA [new vehicle]	Yes		
<b>Georgia</b> Ga. Code Ann., § 40-8-71					Exhaust emission point shall extend beyond rear or outside of passenger compartment.
<b>Hawaii</b> HRS § 291-24.5	No Provisions Found				
<b>Idaho</b> I.C. § 49-937	No Provisions Found				
<b>Illinois</b> 625 ILCS 5/12-602 35 IL ADC 902.120 35 IL ADC 902.121	≤ 8,000  > 8,000	74 dbA @ < 35 mph 82 dbA @ > 35 mph  86 dbA @ < 35 mph 90 dbA @ > 35 mph			
<b>Indiana</b> IC 9-19-8-2 IC 9-19-8-3 IC 9-19-8-4	No Provisions Found				
<b>Iowa</b> I.C.A. § 321.436	No Provisions Found				
<b>Kansas</b> K.S.A. 8-1739	No Provisions Found				
<b>Kentucky</b> KRS § 189.140 KRS § 224.30-190	No Provisions Found				

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Louisiana LSA-R.S. 32:352 LSA-R.S. 32:353					No Provisions Found
Maine 29-A M.R.S.A. § 1912					No Provisions Found
Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 22-605 § 22-606 § 22-607 § 22-608 MD ADC 11.14.07.13 MD ADC 11.14.07.14 MD ADC 11.14.07.15	All	80dbA [new vehicle]	Yes <sup>3</sup>	SAE J-1169 ≤10,000 GVWR: J876b >10,000 GVWR: SAE J986b. J366 for buses w/auto transmissions that cannot be manually held in gear	
Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 90 § 7 540 MA ADC 4.04					All exhaust systems shall discharge exhaust beyond operator, passenger, and/or trunk compartment.
Michigan M.C.L.A. 257.707 M.C.L.A. 257.707c	< 8,500 ≥ 8,500	80 dbA [new vehicle] 83 dbA [new vehicle]			
Minnesota MN ADC 7030.1010 MN ADC 7030.1040 MN ADC 7030.1060 M.S.A. § 169.69	>10,000	86 dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 96 dbA @ > 35 mph			

<sup>3 3</sup> Vehicle manufacturer must: file certification annually, file before date of introduction of a new model, and submit a list of models of same model year that are available outside Maryland that do not comply with Maryland provisions. Supplemental certifications are required before the date of introduction for new models introduced during current model year.

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Mississippi Miss. Code Ann. § 63-7-55					No Provisions Found
Missouri V.A.M.S. 307.170					No Provisions Found
Montana MCA 61-9-403					No Provisions Found
Nebraska Neb.Rev.St. §§ 60-6,286 60-6,369 to 6,372	>10,000	86dbA @ > 35 mph 90dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 80dbA [new vehicle]			
Nevada NV ADC 484D.150 NV ADC 484D.155 NV ADC 484D.611	< 6,000 ≥ 6,000	84dbA [new vehicle] 86dbA [new vehicle]			
New Hampshire N.H. Rev. Stat. § 266:59					No Provisions Found
New Jersey N.J.S.A. 13:1G-8					No Provisions Found
New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-3-844					No Provisions Found
New York McKinney's Vehicle and Traffic Law § 386	< 10,000 ≥ 10,000	76 dbA @ < 35 mph 82 dbA @ > 35 mph 86 dbA @ < 35 mph 90 dbA @ > 35 mph			

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North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-128 N.C.G.S.A. § 20-128.1 N.C.G.S.A. § 20-128.2				No Provisions Found	
North Dakota NDCC, 39-21-37				No Provisions Found	
Ohio R.C. § 4513.22 R.C. § 4513.221	"Passenger car" <sup>4</sup>	70 dbA @ < 35 mph 79 dbA @ > 35 mph		J986, J 366	
Oklahoma 47 Okl.St. Ann. § 12-402				No Provisions Found	
Oregon O.R.S. § 815.250 OR ADC 340-035-0025	All	80 dbA [new vehicle]	Yes		
Pennsylvania 67 PA ADC § 157.11	< 6,000  ≥ 6,000	<u>Soft site/highway:</u> 76 dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 82 dbA @ > 35 mph <u>Hard site/highway:</u> 78 dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 84 dbA @ > 35 mph  <u>Soft site/highway:</u> 86 dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 90 dbA @ > 35 mph <u>Hard site/highway:</u>			

<sup>4</sup> Passenger car means any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing arrangement.

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Rhode Island Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-45-1 § 31-23-13	All	86 dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 90 dbA @ > 35 mph			
South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-5-5020			No Provisions Found		
South Dakota SDCL § 32-15-17			No Provisions Found		
Tennessee T. C. A. § 55-9-202			No Provisions Found		
Texas Transportation Code § 547.604			No Provisions Found		
Utah U.C.A. 1953 § 41-6a-1626			No Provisions Found		
Vermont Vt. ADC 22-1-5:1.4					Exhaust systems on passenger vehicles and pickup trucks shall discharge exhaust fumes at a location to rear of body or direct exhaust

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					fumes from side of body at a location rearward of any operable side windows.
<b>Virginia</b> Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1049	No Provisions Found				
<b>Washington</b> West's RCWA 46.37.390 WA ADC 173-62-030	≤ 10,000	72 dbA @ ≤ 45 mph 78 dbA @ > 45 mph			
	> 10,000	86 dbA @ ≤ 35 mph 90 dbA @ > 35 mph			
<b>West Virginia</b> W. Va. Code, § 17C-15-34	No Provisions Found				
<b>Wisconsin</b> W.S.A. 347.39 WI ADC s Trans 305.20	No Provisions Found				
<b>Wyoming</b> W.S.1977 § 31-5-953	No Provisions Found				
<b>District of Columbia</b> 20 DC ADC § 2812	All	80 dbA	Yes	≤ 10,000 GVWR: SAE J986 (a) > 10,000 GVWR: SAE J184	

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