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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to airboats; amending s.
327.65, F.S.; establishing a specific maximum
noise level for airboats operated on state
waters; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 327.65, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

327.65 Muffling devices.--

(1) The exhaust of every internal combustion engine
used on any vessel operated on the waters of this state shall
be effectively muffled by equipment so constructed and used as
to muffle the noise of the exhaust in a reasonable manner;
however, airboats must be operated at a noise level no greater
than 90 dB at 50 feet. The use of cutouts is prohibited,
except for vessels competing in a regatta or official boat
race, and for such vessels while on trial runs.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

SENATE SUMMARY

Establishes a specific maximum noise level for airboats
operated on state waters.