

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2342**

Introduced by

Senator Erbele

Representative Brandenburg

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to regulation of boats to prevent excessive noise; and to provide a
3 penalty.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Regulation of noise from boats - Penalty.**

- 8 1. A boat operated on the waters of this state between the hours of twelve midnight and
9 five a.m. may not produce a noise in excess of eighty-eight decibels for more than ten
10 minutes.
- 11 2. For purposes of subsection 1, the decibel level of a boat must be measured from the
12 shoreline closest to the location from which a complainant or other individual noticed
13 the noise.
- 14 3. A boat operator who violates this section is guilty of a class 1 noncriminal offense.
- 15 4. A boat operator cited for a violation of this section may not operate the boat that
16 produced the noise in violation of this section until a muffler is installed.