

The WHO came to its figures by comparing households with abnormally high exposure to noise with those in quieter homes. It also studied cases of people with problems such as coronary heart disease and tried to work out if high noise levels had been a factor in acquiring the problem. This data was then joined with maps indicating the noisiest cities in Europe. Noise cannot directly kill, but it may add to a person's stress. There are cases when stressful events can trigger a heart attack in someone with underlying heart disease. Stressed people are more likely to eat unhealthily, exercise less and smoke more, and these can increase the risk of developing heart disease in the first place. A major cause of noise levels is the use of powered equipment in residential areas where homes and residents are not equipped to deal with the increased noise levels particularly at nighttime.

This bill seeks to address the problem of noise pollution in residential areas by regulating the use of powered equipment.¹

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