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A BILL

To enact section 5517.06 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Director of Transportation to 2
conduct a traffic noise analysis and to 3
construct noise barriers under specified 4
circumstances. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5517.06 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 5517.06. (A) The director of transportation shall 8
conduct a traffic noise analysis to determine if noise abatement 9
measures for existing residential and business communities are 10
reasonable and feasible during construction of any of the 11
following: 12

(1) A new interstate highway near the residential or 13
business community; 14

(2) A substantial horizontal or vertical alteration of an 15
existing interstate highway near the residential or business 16
community; 17

(3) One or more additional through-traffic lanes or 18

auxiliary lanes on an existing interstate highway near the 19
residential or business community. 20

(B) After conducting a traffic noise analysis under 21
division (A) of this section, the director shall construct a 22
noise barrier that will result in a reduction of the noise 23
levels by at least seven A-weighted decibels for an existing 24
residential or business community if all of the following apply: 25

(1) The traffic noise analysis indicates that the 26
construction described in division (A) of this section will 27
result in a substantial noise increase of ten A-weighted 28
decibels for the existing residential or business community. 29

(2) The construction of the noise barrier is reasonable. 30

(3) The construction of the noise barrier is feasible. 31

(C) The director shall examine any construction projects 32
initiated within the ten years prior to the effective date of 33
this section that are described under division (A) of this 34
section. If a traffic noise analysis was not conducted at the 35
time of the construction, the director shall conduct a noise 36
analysis. The director shall construct a noise barrier in 37
accordance with division (B) of this section if the results of 38
the noise analysis require such construction. 39

(D) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with 40
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and that are consistent with 23 41
C.F.R. part 772, as amended, in order to implement this section. 42

Section 2. This act shall be known as the "Community Sound 43
Barrier Reconciliation Act." 44