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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **72-6-112.5** is amended to read:

**72-6-112.5. Definitions -- Nighttime highway construction noise -- Exemptions -- Permits.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) (i) "Front row receptor" means a noise-sensitive residential receptor that is:

(A) immediately adjacent to a transportation facility; or

(B) within 800 feet of a transportation facility that is within a commercial or industrialized area.

(ii) "Front row receptor" includes a residence that is contiguous to a property immediately adjacent to a transportation facility in a residential area.

(b) "Nighttime highway construction" means highway construction occurring between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(c) (i) "Permitted activities" means activities occurring between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that are related to and necessary for nighttime highway construction, whether occurring at the construction site or at a gravel pit or other site for production of raw materials, and includes:

(A) loading and unloading of trucks;

(B) asphalt mixing and hauling; and

(C) concrete mixing and hauling.

(ii) "Permitted activities" does not include:

(A) blasting;

(B) crushing; or

(C) operating a vehicle with a backup alarm engaged.

(2) A state highway construction project conducted on a road where the normal posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour or greater is exempt from any noise ordinance, regulation, or standard of a local jurisdictional authority.

(3) A state highway construction project conducted on a road where the normal posted speed limit is less than 55 miles per hour is exempt from any noise ordinance, regulation, or standard of a local jurisdictional authority if the department:

57 (a) provides reasonable written notice at least 48 hours in advance of any required  
58 nighttime highway construction to each residential dwelling located within front row receptors  
59 of the activity;

60 (b) determines a net community, including traveler community, benefit exists to  
61 conduct nighttime highway construction after considering the following:

- 62 (i) public health;
- 63 (ii) project completion time;
- 64 (iii) air quality;
- 65 (iv) traffic;
- 66 (v) economics;
- 67 (vi) safety; and
- 68 (vii) local jurisdiction concerns; and

69 (c) institutes best management noise reduction practices, as determined by the  
70 department, for front row receptors, in consultation with local government or the local  
71 jurisdictional authority for all nighttime highway construction, which may include:

- 72 (i) equipment maintenance;
- 73 (ii) noise shielding;
- 74 (iii) scheduling the most noise intrusive activities during the day; and
- 75 (iv) other noise mitigation methods.

76 (4) (a) Subject to Subsection (2) or (3), a state highway project shall secure required  
77 noise permits from the local jurisdictional authority to conduct nighttime highway construction.

78 (b) To the extent practical, the department shall coordinate with the local jurisdictional  
79 authority during the pre-construction phase of a project to address noise exemption conditions.

80 (5) A local jurisdictional authority shall issue a nighttime highway construction permit  
81 limited to permitted activities if the applicant provides evidence that the permitted activities are  
82 directly related to and necessary for a nighttime highway construction project for which the  
83 department has obtained a nighttime highway construction permit from a local jurisdictional  
84 authority pursuant to Subsection (2) or (3).

85 [~~5~~] (6) (a) A local jurisdictional authority shall issue a nighttime highway  
86 construction noise permit without additional requirements to the department at the request of  
87 the department or the department's designated project agent if the requirements of Subsections

88 (2) and (3) are met.

89 (b) In conjunction with the corrective action described in Subsection (7)(b), a local  
90 jurisdictional authority may request adjustments to a noise permit to mitigate unreasonable  
91 noise disturbances caused by nighttime highway construction or permitted activities.

92 [~~6~~] (7) (a) For the exemption provided in Subsection (3) and in accordance with Title  
93 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the department shall make rules  
94 establishing procedures:

95 (i) for a local jurisdictional authority or local government to appeal the decision of the  
96 department to conduct nighttime highway construction on roads where the normal posted speed  
97 limit is less than 55 miles per hour; and

98 (ii) for the local jurisdictional authority to request that the department enforce the terms  
99 of a noise permit.

100 (b) After review and upon receiving a written notice from a local jurisdictional  
101 authority that the conditions for the noise exemption permit are not met, the department shall  
102 take corrective action to ensure nighttime highway construction activities meet requirements of  
103 the local permit.