

**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 300 of 1949**

**257.707a Definitions used in MCL 257.707a to 257.707e.**

Sec. 707a. As used in sections 707a to 707e:

- (a) "Decibel" means a unit of sound level on a logarithmic scale measured relative to the threshold of audible sound by the human ear, in compliance with American national standards institute standard S 1.1-1960.
- (b) "Decibels on the a-weighted network" or "DBA" means decibels measured on the a-weighted network of a sound level meter, as specified in American national standards institute standard S 1.4-1971.
- (c) "Fast meter response" means the meter ballistics of meter dynamic characteristics as specified by American national standard S 1.4-1971.
- (d) "Maximum noise" means the noise emitted from a vehicle during that manner of operation which causes the highest DBA level possible from that vehicle.
- (e) "Muffler" means a device for abating the sound of escaping gases of an internal combustion engine.
- (f) "Exhaust system" means the system comprised of a combination of components which provides for enclosed flow of exhaust gas from engine parts to the atmosphere.
- (g) "Noise" means any sound.
- (h) "Total noise" means noises radiating from a vehicle but does not include noises emitted from a horn, siren, bell or other similar device of an authorized emergency vehicle.
- (i) "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a vehicle.
- (j) "Combination vehicle" means any combination of truck, truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or pole trailer used upon the highways or streets in the transportation of passengers or property.

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