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SENATE BILL 426*
State & Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/10/07

Short Title: Various Cities and Towns/Junked Vehicles.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 1, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AFFECTING THE REGULATION OF ABANDONED OR JUNKED
MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE TOWNS OF AYDEN, CORNELIUS, DAVIDSON,
HUNTERSVILLE, AND SPRING LAKE AND THE CITIES OF EDEN,
GREENSBORO, HIGH POINT, AND REIDSVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-303(b2) reads as rewritten:

"(b2) A junked motor vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle that also:

(1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or

(2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it was
originally intended to move; or

(3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and worth
less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00);

(3a) Is more than five years old and worth less than five hundred dollars
(\$500.00); this subdivision applies only to the Cities of Belmont,
Bessemer City, Cherryville, Eden, Gastonia, Greensboro, ~~Henderson~~
~~and Mount Holly~~, Henderson, High Point, Mount Holly, Reidsville
and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas,
Davidson, Farmville, Huntersville, LaGrange, Matthews, Mint Hill,
Louisburg, ~~and Stanley~~ Spring Lake, and Stanley; or

(4) Does not display a current license plate."

SECTION 2. G.S. 160A-303.2(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A municipality may by ordinance regulate, restrain or prohibit the
abandonment of junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property
within the municipality's ordinance-making jurisdiction upon a finding that such
regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance
community, neighborhood or area appearance, and may enforce any such ordinance by
removing or disposing of junked motor vehicles subject to the ordinance according to
the procedures prescribed in this section. The authority granted by this section shall be

1 supplemental to any other authority conferred upon municipalities. Nothing in this
2 section shall be construed to authorize a municipality to require the removal or disposal
3 of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide "automobile graveyard" or "junkyard" as
4 defined in G.S. 136-143.

5 For purposes of this section, the term "junked motor vehicle" means a vehicle that
6 does not display a current license plate and that:

- 7 (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
8 (2) Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally
9 was intended to move; or
10 (3) **(applicable to most localities)** Is more than five years old and appears
11 to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00); [or]
12 (4) Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than five
13 hundred dollars (\$500.00). This subdivision applies only to the Cities
14 of Belmont, Bessemer City, Cherryville, Eden, ~~Gastonia and Mount~~
15 ~~Holly~~, Gastonia, Greensboro, High Point, Mount Holly, and Reidsville
16 and the Towns of Ahoskie, Ayden, Cornelius, Cramerton, Dallas,
17 Davidson, Farmville, Huntersville, LaGrange, Mint Hill, Louisburg,
18 ~~and Stanley~~. Spring Lake, and Stanley."

19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.