

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1995 SESSION

## CHAPTER 207

*An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-28 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ordinances taxing and regulating automobile graveyards and junkyards.*

[H 1654]

Approved March 14, 1995

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 15.1-28 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 15.1-28. Ordinances taxing and regulating "automobile graveyards" and "junkyards."

(a) The governing body of each county, city and town in this Commonwealth may adopt ordinances imposing license taxes upon and otherwise regulating the maintenance and operation of places commonly known as automobile graveyards and junkyards and may prescribe fines and other punishment for violations of such ordinances.

No such ordinance shall be adopted until after notice of intention to propose the same for adoption shall have been published prior to its adoption once a week for two successive weeks in some newspaper published in such county or city or, if there be no newspaper published therein, then in some newspaper having general circulation in such county or city and no such ordinance shall become effective until it shall have been published in full for two successive weeks in a like newspaper.

As used in this section the terms "automobile graveyard" and "junkyard" shall have the meaning ascribed to them in § 33.1-348.

(b) Any ordinance adopted by any county, city or town which was enacted in conformity with § 33-279.3 as it existed prior to April 4, 1966, is hereby validated.

(c) The governing body of any county with a population of at least 43,000 but less than 45,700 *and any county with a population of at least 18,000 but less than 19,000* may adopt an ordinance or ordinances imposing the screening of automobile graveyards and junkyards as set forth in § 33.1-348. Any such ordinance may apply to any automobile graveyard or junkyard within the boundaries of such county regardless of the date on which any such automobile graveyard or junkyard may have come into existence, notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.1-348.