

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1997 SESSION

CHAPTER 614

An Act to amend and reenact § 15.1-11.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to authority to cut weeds and grass.

[H 2315]

Approved March 20, 1997

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 15.1-11.01 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 15.1-11.01. Authority to cut growth on grass or lawn area in certain counties.

A. The governing body of any county having adopted the urban county executive form of government, any county having adopted the county executive form of government, which county borders a county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government, any county having adopted the county manager form of government, any county having adopted the county manager plan, *any county having adopted a charter pursuant to Chapter 17 (§ 15.1-833 et seq.) or Chapter 26 (§ 15.1-1071 et seq.) of this title*, any county having a population between 40,000 and 43,000, and any county having a population between 22,700 and 23,000, by ordinance, may require that the owner of occupied residential real property therein cut the grass or lawn area of less than one-half acre on such property or any part thereof at such time or times as the governing body shall prescribe when growth on such grass or lawn area exceeds twelve inches in height; or may whenever the governing body deems it necessary, after reasonable notice, have such grass or lawn area cut by its agents or employees, in which event, the cost and expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such property and may be collected by the county as taxes and levies are collected. No such ordinance adopted by the county shall have any force and effect within the corporate limits of any town. Violation of such ordinance may be punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$100.

B. No such ordinance shall be applicable to land zoned for or in active farming operation.