

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

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SENATE BILL 622\*

Short Title: Edgecombe/Nash Junked Cars.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Senators Ezzell and Martin of Pitt.

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Referred to: Local Government and Regional Affairs.

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March 23, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES IN EDGECOMBE AND NASH  
2 COUNTIES TO REGULATE THE ABANDONMENT OF JUNKED MOTOR  
3 VEHICLES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 160A-303.2, as rewritten by Chapter 3, Session Laws of  
7 1989, reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 160A-303.2. Regulation of abandonment of junked motor vehicles in**  
9 **municipalities in certain counties.**

10 (a) A municipality in Dare, Alamance, Ashe, Bladen, Brunswick, Burke,  
11 Cabarrus, Caldwell, Cumberland, Davie, Edgecombe, Gaston, Guilford, Halifax,  
12 Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash, New Hanover,  
13 Pender, Rockingham, Rowan, Surry, Wake, Wayne, Stokes, Alleghany, Carteret,  
14 Columbus or Union Counties may by ordinance regulate, restrain or prohibit the  
15 abandonment of junked motor vehicles on public grounds and on private property  
16 within the municipality's ordinance-making jurisdiction upon a finding that such  
17 regulation, restraint or prohibition is necessary and desirable to promote or enhance  
18 community, neighborhood or area appearance. The authority granted by this section  
19 shall be supplemental to any other authority conferred upon municipalities. Nothing in  
20 this section shall be construed to authorize a municipality to require the removal or  
21 disposal of a motor vehicle kept or stored at a bona fide 'automobile graveyard' or  
22 'junkyard' as defined in G.S. 136-143.

23 For purposes of this section, the term 'junked motor vehicle' means a vehicle that  
24 does not display a current license plate and that:

- 1           (1)    Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or  
2           (2)    Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally  
3                was intended to move; or  
4           (3)    Is more than five years old and appears to be worth less than one  
5                hundred dollars (\$100.00).  
6           (b) Any ordinance adopted pursuant to this section shall include a prohibition  
7 against removing or disposing of any motor vehicle that is used on a regular basis for  
8 business or personal use."  
9           Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.