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## Private Acts of 1979 Chapter 110

**SECTION 1.** As used in this Act "automobile graveyard" means any lot or place which is exposed to the weather and upon which more than five (5) motor vehicles of any kind, incapable of being operated, and which it would not be economically practical to make operative, are placed, located or found. The term "automobile graveyard" or "automobile junkyard" shall not be construed to mean an establishment having facilities for processing iron, steel or nonferrous scrap and whose principal produce is scrap iron, steel or nonferrous scrap for sale for remedying purposes only.

**SECTION 2.** The legislative body of Sullivan County, by resolution, may regulate and license the maintenance of automobile graveyards, as defined above, and may prescribe civil fines for violations of such regulations, which civil fines shall not be in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each violation; provided, however, that such regulations shall be at least as stringent as required by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-2313.

**SECTION 3.** No resolution authorized by Section 2 of this Act 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 (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County, and no such resolution shall become effective until it shall have been published in full for two (2) successive weeks in a like newspaper.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the county legislative body of Sullivan County before July 1, 1979. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Sullivan County legislative body and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 5.** For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective on July 1, 1979.

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