

“Refuse—throwing or dumping; dumps, junk yards, etc.”, be and it is hereby repealed; and that a new Section 122A be and it is hereby added to Article 25 of said Code (1957 Edition), to follow immediately after Section 122 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title “Junk Yards”, and to read as follows:

Junk Yards

122A. Regulation of junk yards in counties.

(a) *The county commissioners or county council of each county in the State may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the licensing, control, location and maintenance within their respective limits of junk yards, public or private dumps, automobile junk yards or outdoor places where old motor vehicles are stored in quantity or dismantled, and lots on which refuse, trash or junk is deposited.*

(b) *Any such rules and regulations shall be framed and designed to protect the residents of the county from unpleasant and unwholesome conditions and neighborhoods, to preserve the beauty and esthetic value of rural or residential areas, to safeguard the public health and welfare, to promote good civic design, and to promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience and prosperity of the community.*

(c) *The rules and regulations may include a requirement that such a junk yard or dump may not be maintained or operated within the county limits until an annual license therefor has been obtained from the county commissioners or county council, at such reasonable fee as may be specified in the rules and regulations.*

(d) *Prior to the adoption of any such rules and regulations, due notice of their consideration shall be given in some newspaper of general circulation in the county, in a notice published once a week for not less than four successive weeks. The notice shall specify a time and place at which the county commissioners or county council will conduct a public hearing on the contents and adoption of the rules and regulations; and the rules and regulations are not valid unless the public hearing actually is held as advertised.*

(e) *A violation of any such rule or regulation, including the maintenance or operation of any such junk yard or dump without a license, is a misdemeanor, subject upon conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Each day on which a violation continues is a separate offense.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1961.*

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 652

(Senate Bill 179)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (b) of Section 156 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland