

(E) A PERSON WHO SPONSORS OR HOLDS A SPECIAL EVENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN \$25 NOR MORE THAN \$100 OR CONFINEMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS NOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 12, 2005.

CHAPTER 53

(House Bill 471)

AN ACT concerning

Code Counties - Western Maryland - Junkyards, Dumps, and Other Facilities - Abatement of Violations

FOR the purpose of authorizing the county commissioners of certain counties to abate, or contract for the abatement of, violations of county rules or regulations regarding junkyards, dumps, and other facilities at the expense of certain real property owners; and generally relating to abatement of violations of rules and regulations regarding junkyards, dumps, and other facilities in code counties in Western Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners

Section 122A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

122A.

(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 junkyards, public or private dumps, automobile junkyards, automotive dismantler and recycler facilities, scrap metal processing facilities, 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,