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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipality and county standards in conjunction with
junked vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 683, Transportation Code,
is amended by adding Section 683.0711 to read as follows:

Sec. 683.0711. MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY STANDARDS. A
municipality or county may adopt an ordinance that imposes
additional requirements that exceed the minimum standards for
junked vehicle as defined in this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Section 683.072, Transportation Code, is amended
to read as follows:

Unless otherwise provided by county or municipal ordinance, [A] a
junked vehicle, including a part of a junked vehicle, that is
visible from a public place or public right-of-way:

(1) is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the
public;

(2) tends to reduce the value of private property;

(3) invites vandalism;

(4) creates a fire hazard;

(5) is an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the
health and safety of minors;

(6) produces urban blight adverse to the maintenance
and continuing development of municipalities; and

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1 (7) is a public nuisance.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.