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H.B. No. 1794

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of automobile wrecking and salvage yards  
in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 397.011, Transportation Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

Sec. 397.011. LOCATION OF YARD. (a) Except as provided by  
Subsection (b), an automotive wrecking and salvage yard may not be  
established within 600 [~~300~~] feet of an existing church, school, or  
residence. The distance is measured beginning at the wall of the  
church, school, or residence that is closest to the yard and ending  
at the fence required by this chapter.

(b) An automotive wrecking and salvage yard may be  
established within 600 [~~300~~] feet of a residence if the same person  
owns the residence and the yard.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and  
the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was  
committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.