

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 766**

**Representative Arndt**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 1547.306 of the Revised Code to 1  
prohibit a property owner from leaving a junk 2  
watercraft vessel or outboard motor uncovered in 3  
the open on the owner's property. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 1547.306 of the Revised Code be 5  
enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 1547.306.** (A) A local authority may send notice, by 7  
certified mail with return receipt requested, to the property 8  
owner on whose property a junk vessel or outboard motor is left. 9  
The local authority shall state in the notice that, within ten 10  
days of receipt of the notice, the property owner must do one of 11  
the following: 12

(1) Cover the junk vessel or outboard motor; 13

(2) House it in a garage or other suitable structure; 14

(3) Remove it from the property. 15

(B) No person shall knowingly leave a junk vessel or 16  
outboard motor uncovered in the open for more than ten days 17  
after receipt of a notice as provided in division (A) of this 18

section. The fact that a junk vessel is so left is prima-facie 19  
evidence of knowingly failing to comply with the notice. Each 20  
subsequent period of thirty days that a junk vessel or outboard 21  
motor continues to be so left constitutes a separate offense. 22

(C) As used in this section: 23

(1) "Junk vessel or outboard motor" means any vessel or 24  
outboard motor meeting all of the following requirements: 25

(a) It is three years old, or older. 26

(b) It is apparently inoperable. 27

(c) It has a fair market value of one thousand five 28  
hundred dollars or less. 29

(2) "Local authority" means any of the following: 30

(a) The sheriff of a county within the sheriff's 31  
territorial jurisdiction; 32

(b) The chief of police of a municipal corporation within 33  
the chief's territorial jurisdiction; 34

(c) A state highway patrol trooper; 35

(d) A board of township trustees or the board's designee; 36

(e) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation. 37