

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 817

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Abandoned Vehicles – Retention by Police for Public Purposes

FOR the purpose of authorizing a police department that takes an abandoned vehicle into custody to retain the vehicle for public purposes under certain circumstances; providing that the failure of certain persons to take certain actions shall be deemed to be consent by the owner or lessee, other than a lessor, to retention of the vehicle for public purposes; requiring the police department to provide a certain notice to the registered owner and the secured party under certain circumstances; requiring the written consent of a secured party or lessor under certain circumstances before the vehicle may be retained by the police department for public purposes; providing that an abandoned vehicle retained for public use may ~~not~~ be dismantled or disassembled for its parts; providing for the disposition of the vehicle when it is no longer usable for public purposes; making stylistic changes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the retention of abandoned vehicles by police departments for public purposes.

BY renumbering

Article – Transportation

Section 25-201(d)

to be Section 25-201(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 25-201(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 25-204, 25-206, and 25-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 25-207.1