

sioner of Motor Vehicles as fines, penalties and forfeitures of bonds, or any other kind of authorized security imposed or collected under any of the provisions of this sub-title, in each of the fiscal years 1934 and 1935, shall be accounted for and remitted by said Commissioner to the State Treasurer, who shall create a Special Fund therefor. Out of said Special Fund so created, the State Treasurer shall pay, within the limits of the appropriations made by the General Assembly, all the salaries and expenses of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City; and the balance of said Fund shall be paid into the general funds of the State.)

Disposition of Lost, Abandoned and Stolen Motor Vehicles, Etc.

1927, ch. 520, sec. 178A.

178A. Whenever the owner, or person, firm or corporation, entitled to the possession of any motor vehicle, or part thereof, in the custody of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, cannot be located and fails to claim said motor vehicle, or part thereof, for a period of three months after said motor vehicle, or part thereof, came into the custody of the said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the same may be disposed of by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at public sale, at some place which shall be convenient and accessible to the public, at any time between the hours of 10 A. M. and 6 P. M., provided the time, place and terms of said sale, together with a full detailed description of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, shall be inserted in one or more daily newspapers published in the city or county where said sale is to take place, at least once each week for two successive weeks prior to said sale; and provided, further, that a registered notice shall be mailed at least ten days prior to said sale to the owner, lien holder, if any, shown on the records of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or person, firm or corporation entitled to the possession of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, if his or its address be known, or if it can be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence. If said address cannot be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence, then such notice shall not be required to be given. Any excess in the amount of the selling price of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, at said sale, over and above the expenses thereof, and the amount of the storage and repair charges, incurred by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles during the period in which said motor vehicle, or part thereof, was in his custody, and after the payment of all liens to which said motor vehicle, or part thereof, may be subject, in order of their priority, shall be accounted for and remitted by said Commissioner to the State Treasurer, who shall create a special fund thereof. If the owner, or person, firm or corporation, entitled to the possession of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, shall present to the Commissioner a claim for such excess, at any time within one year from the date of the sale, the Commissioner shall draw his warrant upon the State Comptroller for such excess, and such excess shall thereupon be paid over by the State Treasurer to the said owner or person, firm or corporation, entitled to the possession of said motor vehicle, or part thereof. If no claim for the excess