

CHAPTER 95.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 178 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Licenses," sub-title "Motor Vehicles," caption "Disposition of Fines and Other Receipts," to regulate the method of disbursement of the receipts of the motor vehicle department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 178 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Edition of 1924, be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

178. All 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 shall be paid over within five days after the receipt thereof to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles with a statement accompanying the same, setting forth the action or proceedings in which such monies were collected, the name and residence of the defendant, the nature of the offense, and the fine, penalty, forfeiture or sentence, if any, imposed. And this section shall not be considered as repealed by the passage hereafter of any law providing for a different disposition of fines and penalties in any county or other municipal division of this State unless the same contains a repeal of this section by express references thereto. Said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is hereby empowered in the name of the State of Maryland to take all steps necessary to enforce the collection and prompt return of all such fines, penalties and forfeitures of bonds, and when any motor vehicle shall have been deposited as security under the provisions of this sub-title, and said security is forfeited, the same may be disposed of by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or under his discretion by the officer having the said motor vehicles in charge, at public auction, and the proceeds thereof dealt with pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title, unless within ten days after notice by mail to the owner of such motor vehicle, or the person leaving the same as security, the same shall be redeemed. Any Justice of the Peace, committing Magistrate or Police Justice accepting checks, drafts or any other unsecured evidences of debt in payment of fines, or in lieu of bail, shall do so at his own risk, provided that nothing herein shall be taken to prohibit the release of offenders on their own