

*following such advertisement, information relating to his or their identity and present address, and, if within six months following such advertisement the owner or persons claiming through him shall not present information relating to his or their identity and present address and establish claim to such deposit, account or share account or balance therein, such bank, trust company, savings institution, national bank, savings and loan association or Federal savings and loan association shall, after deducting the pro rata cost of such advertisement from the deposit, account or share account or balance therein remaining in its hands, pay the remainder to the Treasurer of the State of Maryland for the use and benefit of the State of Maryland and thereafter its liability to the owner or persons claiming through him of such deposit, account or share account or balance therein shall cease and determine.*

*(c) Any owner or any person claiming through him legally entitled to any deposit, account or share account or any balance therein paid to the Treasurer of the State of Maryland pursuant to Sub-section (b) herein may recover the same at any time in the same sum as that paid to the Treasurer, without interest, in the following manner: Such person shall present to the Comptroller proof that he is the owner and is legally entitled to that portion of any deposit, account or share account or balance thereof paid to the Treasurer and if the Comptroller, with the advice of the Attorney General, shall be satisfied by a reasonable preponderance of evidence that such person is the owner and is legally entitled to said sum, he shall forthwith pay said sum to said person out of any funds paid to the Treasurer pursuant to Sub-section (b) herein during the current fiscal year and if such funds are insufficient for such purpose, he shall certify a statement of the amount of funds needed to the Governor and the Governor shall include such amount in his next budget.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this sub-title shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional and invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section thereof so found unconstitutional and invalid.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1951.*

Approved April 13, 1951.