

of any acquittal or of the levy of a fine (including costs) by the Circuit Court in a sum less than that levied by the Magistrate, the entire fine or the surplus held by the Clerk in excess of the fine levied by the Circuit Court as the case may be, shall be returned to the defendant. All fines levied by the Circuit Court for motor vehicle violations shall be paid by the Clerk of the Circuit Court to the Department of Motor Vehicles. In the event of the dismissal of an appeal by the defendant before trial in the Circuit Court the said Clerk shall pay the fine, costs, or other monetary penalty so deposited with him to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(d) Wherever the words "County Commissioners" appear in these sections, they shall be taken to include the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, and wherever the words "Circuit Court" appear in these sections, they shall be taken to include the Criminal Court of Baltimore City; wherever the words "Justice of the Peace" shall appear they shall include "Trial Magistrates."

303. (*Disposition of Fines and Other Receipts of the Department*).

(a) All fines, penalties, and forfeitures of bonds, or any kind of authorized security, imposed or collected under any of the provisions of this Article, except funds collected in cases in which appeals have been taken within the time allowed by law and provided the time for appeal has expired in the particular case, shall be paid over on the second and fourth Mondays of each month after receipt thereof to the Department 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.

(b) The Department 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.

(c) Any Justice of the Peace, Committing Magistrate, Trial 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 recognizance in proper cases.

(d) Subject to the provisions of Sections 28, 70, 80 and 124 of this Article, all monies received by the Department pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be accounted for and remitted by the Department to the State Treasurer who, after first paying, or retaining a sufficient amount thereof to pay, all refunds of motor vehicle registration fees in this Article provided, all the salaries and expenses of the Department, the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, the Maryland Traffic Safety Commission, the salaries and other expenses of the State Roads Commission in enforcing the provisions of this Article limiting weight, height, width and length of motor vehicles, the Department of Maryland State Police and of the State Police Retirement System of the State of Maryland and costs in dismissed cases pursuant to Section 292 of this Article, shall hold the balance of said monies in a special fund hereby created and known as the Motor Vehicle Revenue Fund, said fund to be thereafter held and distributed in accordance with the provisions applicable to said fund contained in Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland.