

WHEREAS, In 1955, the General Assembly intended only to ease certain administrative difficulties of the Department of Motor Vehicles and did not intend to remove altogether the Department's power to withhold registration pending the service of outstanding warrants for motor vehicle violations; now, therefore

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 27 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration-Registration-Titling", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

27. The Department shall refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration upon any of the following grounds:

(a) That the application contains any false or fraudulent statement;

(b) That the applicant has failed to furnish the Department with required information reasonably possible for the applicant to obtain;

(c) That the application is not entitled to a certificate of title or registration of the vehicle under this article;

(d) That the vehicle is mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated or moved upon the highways of this State;

(e) That the Department has information upon which reasonably to conclude that the vehicle is a stolen or embezzled vehicle, or one wrongfully in the possession of the applicant;

(f) That the registration for and issuance of certificate of title to the applicant would constitute a fraud against the rightful owner or other person having valid lien upon such vehicle;

(g) That the registration of the vehicle is recorded as suspended or revoked for any reason, as provided in this article;

(h) That the fee, or any part thereof, required by the Department, has not been paid [.] ;

(i) *That a warrant for a motor vehicle violation has been issued against the applicant and said warrant has not been served on the applicant.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

Approved March 1, 1960.