

Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," to follow immediately after Section 427 thereof, as last amended by Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1963; a prior section numbered 428 having been repealed by said Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1963, said new Section 428 to be under a new subtitle "Motor Vehicles and Traffic"; to provide the Director of Public Works of Harford County with authority to remove abandoned motor vehicles, and to provide a method for the sale of said motor vehicles and applications of funds received therefrom, and relating generally to the removal and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles in Harford County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 428 be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1957 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," to follow immediately after Section 427 thereof, as last amended by Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1963; a prior section numbered 428 having been repealed by said Chapter 706 of the Acts of 1963; said new Section 428 to be under a new subtitle "Motor Vehicles and Traffic".

428.

(a) *If any motor vehicle is left unattended upon any public road, highway, alley or parking lot of the county in violation of any law, ordinance or order regarding the parking of motor vehicles, or if any motor vehicle is left unattended upon any such road, highway, alley or parking lot for an unreasonable length of time so as to impede the movement of traffic or constitute a threat to public safety, the Director of Public Works shall have authority to impound and remove such motor vehicle and charge to the owner thereof the costs of towing, storage and any other charges incurred in connection therewith.*

(b) *Whenever any motor vehicle or part thereof is in the custody of the Director of Public Works and whenever the owner or person entitled to the possession thereof cannot be located and fails to claim such motor vehicle or part thereof for a period of sixty days after such motor vehicle, or part thereof, came into the custody of the Director of Public Works, the same may be disposed of by the Director of Public Works, at public sale, at some place which shall be convenient and accessible to the public, at any time between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., provided that an advertisement of the time, place and terms of the sale, together with a full, detailed description of such motor vehicle, or part thereof, shall be inserted in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county, at least once each week for two successive weeks prior to the sale; provided, further, that a notice by registered mail shall be sent at least ten days prior to the sale to the owner and lien holder, if any, shown on the records of the commissioner of motor vehicles, or the person entitled to the possession of such motor vehicle, or part thereof, if his address be known, or if it can be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence. If such address cannot be ascertained then such notice shall not be required.*

(c) *The certificate of the Director of Public Works that he has sold any motor vehicle at public auction to a purchaser shall con-*