

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 297

(House Bill 919)

AN ACT to add new Section 261A to Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Carroll County," to immediately precede Section 262 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Motor Vehicles," to authorize the impounding, removal and sale of abandoned motor vehicles in Carroll County by law enforcement officers, to provide for the sale of such vehicles and for disposition of the proceeds from these sales.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 261A be and it is hereby added to Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Carroll County," to immediately precede Section 262 thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Motor Vehicles," and to read as follows:*

261A.

(a) *If any motor vehicle is abandoned in Carroll County upon any public road, highway, alley, parking lot, public property, or on any private property of a person not its owner, in violation of any law or ordinance regarding the parking of vehicles, or for an unreasonable length of time so as to constitute a traffic hazard or a nuisance to the public or any citizen of the County, and the owner cannot be located, any law enforcement officer of the County is authorized to impound, remove and sell the motor vehicle at a public sale to be held not sooner than thirty (30) days after the vehicle was impounded and removed. Notice of the sale shall be given for two successive weeks prior to the sale in one or more newspapers published in the County, stating the time, place, and terms of sale, and describing the motor vehicle to be sold. If the owner of the vehicle or any lien holder can be determined, the notice of sale shall be sent to them by registered or certified mail not later than ten (10) days prior to the sale. When any such motor vehicle is certified by two licensed automobile dealers in the county to have a value of less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), any law enforcement officer may impound, remove, sell at public or private sale or otherwise dispose of the same provided only that notice thereof be affixed to the vehicle and, if the owner of the vehicle or any lienholder can be determined, notice of sale or other intended disposition shall be sent to them by registered or certified mail not later than ten days prior to the sale or disposition.*

(b) *After deduction first of the costs of impounding, removal and sale of the vehicle, and then payment of any liens on the vehicle, to the extent funds are available, the surplus, if any, from the sale shall be paid over to the Board of County Commissioners and deposited with a special fund.*