

~~may deduct:~~ SHALL DEDUCT ALL COSTS INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THIS ACT.

*(i) Any costs in connection with sale of abandoned property.*

*(ii) Any costs of mailing and publication in connection with any abandoned property.*

~~19.~~ 17. Any person claiming ~~at any time an~~ A LEGAL interest in any property delivered to the State under this Article ~~may~~ MUST file a claim thereto or to the proceeds from the sale thereof on the form prescribed by the administrator. WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO SECTION ~~12~~ 11 HEREOF OR WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF SALE, IF A SALE IS TO BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION ~~17~~ 15 HEREOF, WHICHEVER DATE IS LATER.

~~20.~~ 18. (a) The administrator shall consider any claim filed under this Article and may hold a hearing and receive evidence concerning it. If a hearing is held, he shall prepare a finding and a decision in writing on each claim filed, stating the substance of any evidence heard by him and the reasons for his decision. The decision shall be a public record.

(b) If the claim is allowed, the administrator shall make payment forthwith. The claim shall be paid without deduction for costs of notices or sale or for service charges.

~~21.~~ 19. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the administrator or as to whose claim the administrator has failed to act within ninety days after the filing of the claim, may commence an action in the circuit court for the County or in one of the law courts of Baltimore City to establish his claim. The proceeding shall be brought within ninety days after the decision of the administrator or within one hundred eighty days from the filing of the claim if the administrator fails to act.

~~22.~~ 20. The administrator, after receiving reports of property deemed abandoned pursuant to this Article, may decline to receive any property reported which he deems to have a value less than the cost of giving notice ~~and~~ AND/OR OF holding sale, or he may, if he deems it desirable because of the small sum involved, postpone taking possession until a sufficient sum accumulates.

~~23.~~ 21. The administrator may at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice examine the records of any person if he has reason to believe that such person has failed to report property that should have been reported pursuant to this Article. If any person refuses to permit the examination of his records, the administrator may issue subpoena to compel the person to testify and produce his records; said subpoena to be served by the sheriff of the county or Baltimore City where the person resides or may be found. The person shall be entitled to the same per diem and mileage as witnesses appearing in the circuit court of the State or the courts of Baltimore City which shall be paid by the State. If any person shall refuse to obey any subpoena so issued or shall refuse to testify or produce his records,