

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 71B of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", subtitle "Administration—Registration—Titling", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

71B.

Whenever the owner, or person, firm or corporation entitled to the possession of any motor vehicle, or part thereof, cannot be located and fails to claim said motor vehicle, or part thereof, for a period of thirty (30) days after said motor vehicle or part thereof, came into the custody of the police department for Prince George's County or for Anne Arundel County pursuant to the rules and regulations herein-after authorized to be made, the same may be disposed of by the said police department, at public sale, provided the time, place and terms of sale, together with a full detailed description of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, shall be inserted in one or more newspapers published in said county, where said sale is to take place, at least once each week for two successive weeks prior to sale; and provided further that a notice by registered mail shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to said sale to the owner, lien holder if any, shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Maryland, or person, firm or corporation entitled to possession of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, if his or its address be known, or if it can be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence. If said address cannot be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence or if the motor vehicle or part thereof is not registered with the said Department of Motor Vehicles, then such notice by mail shall not be required to be given.

Any excess in the amount of the selling price of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, at said sale, over and above the expenses thereof, and the amount of the storage, towing and repair charges, incurred by the said police department during the period in which said motor vehicle, or part thereof, was in its custody, and after payment of all liens to which said motor vehicle, or part thereof, may be subjected, in order of their priority, shall be accounted for and remitted by said police department to the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County or County Council for Anne Arundel County which shall create a special fund thereof.

If the owner, or person, firm or corporation entitled to possession of said motor vehicle, or part thereof, shall present to the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County or County Council for Anne Arundel County a claim for such excess, at any time within one year from the date of the sale, the said Board or Council shall authorize payment of such excess to the said owner or person, firm or corporation entitled to the possession of said motor vehicle, or part thereof.

If no claim for the excess is made within one year from the date of the sale, said excess shall be transferred from the special fund to the general funds of Prince George's County or Anne Arundel County to be expended and used as are other funds received by the County.

The Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County or County Council of Anne Arundel County is hereby empowered to make, adopt and publish by ordinance such rules and regulations as