

## 71D.

(a) *Whenever the owner or any person, firm or corporation entitled to the possession of any vehicle, or part thereof, which has an apparent salvage value only, shall abandon it on any private or public property for a period of more than thirty days, then the owner of such property or any person, firm or corporation obtaining custody of the vehicle or part at the direction of any member of the State Police, any county police department or any police department of a municipality may dispose of the vehicle or part as provided in this section.*

(b) *The property owner or person with custody of the vehicle or part may at any time after the expiration of the thirty day period, notify the owner or person entitled to possession that the vehicle or part has been abandoned and warning that it will be sold unless it is promptly claimed or removed. Upon failure to claim or remove the vehicle or part or in the event the owner or other person cannot be located, the property owner or person with custody of the vehicle or part may proceed to sell it at a public or private sale. Before making any sale, the property owner or person with custody of the vehicle or part shall (1) obtain a certification, on forms prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, from any member of the State Police, any county police department or any police department of a municipality, stating that the vehicle or part APPARENTLY has a salvage value only, and (2) send a notice of the sale at ~~less than~~ LEAST (10) days prior thereto by registered mail to the owner, any lienholder as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles and any person entitled to possession, if his address is known or can be reasonably obtained, of the vehicle or part. No notice is required to be given for a vehicle not registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

(c) *The property owner or person with custody of the vehicle or part shall obtain a certificate of sale upon forms prescribed and issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles and following the sale, shall present the certificate to the purchaser or transferee of the vehicle or part, together with the certification of salvage value as provided for in subsection (b) of this section.*

(d) *The certificate of sale and certification of salvage value shall constitute the purchaser's or transferee's evidence of ownership for the purpose of obtaining a new certificate of title under the provisions of this article. If the purchaser or transferee is a wrecker or dismantler of motor vehicles, who acquired the vehicle or part to scrap, dismantle or destroy it, the certificate of sale and certification of salvage value shall constitute a certificate of title for the vehicle or part for the purpose of compliance with the provisions of Section 56 of this article.*

(e) *Whenever there has been a sale of an abandoned vehicle or part thereof pursuant to this section and in compliance with its provisions, there shall be no liability on account of its sale on the part of the seller of the vehicle or part to the original owner, any lienholder, or any person entitled to the possession of the vehicle or part.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved May 4, 1967.