

SECTION 71 OF THIS ARTICLE. FOR VEHICLES REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTIONS 429 THROUGH 436, INCLUSIVE, OF THIS ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT FOR EACH CERTIFICATE OF TITLE THE SUM OF FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.00), TWO DOLLARS OF WHICH MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 429 THROUGH 436, INCLUSIVE, AND ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) OF WHICH MAY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 71.

71.

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *"Police department"* means the DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND State Police or any police department of a county, city or town, AND IN BALTIMORE CITY THE AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES.

(2) *"Abandoned motor vehicle"* means a motor vehicle that is inoperable and is left unattended on public property for more than forty-eight hours, or a motor vehicle that has remained illegally on public property for a period of more than forty-eight hours, or a motor vehicle that has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than forty-eight hours.

(3) *"Scrap processor"* means an establishment having facilities for processing iron, steel and nonferrous scrap metal and whose principal product is scrap iron, steel and nonferrous scrap for sale and FOR resmelting purposes only WHICH IS LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(4) *"Wrecker"* means every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of purchasing or otherwise acquiring vehicles for the benefit of the materials contained therein or parts thereof.

(b) A police department may take into custody any motor vehicle found abandoned. For this purpose, a police department may employ its own personnel, equipment, and facilities or hire persons, equipment, and facilities for removing, preserving, and storing abandoned motor vehicles.

(c)(1) A police department which takes into custody an abandoned motor vehicle, within fifteen days thereof, by registered mail, return receipt requested, signed by the addressee, shall notify the last known registered owner of the motor vehicle and all lien holders as shown on the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles that the vehicle has been taken into custody. The notice shall describe the year, make, model, and serial number of the abandoned motor vehicle; set forth the location of the facility where the motor vehicle is being held, inform the owner and any lien holders of their right to reclaim the motor vehicle within three weeks after the date of the notice, upon payment of all towing, preservation and storage charges resulting from placing the vehicle in custody, and state that the failure of the owner or lien holders to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided shall be deemed a waiver by the owner and all lien holders of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle and consent to the sale of the abandoned motor vehicle at a public auction.