

is registered without delivering a certificate of title, as permitted by section 3-109(c).

(b) If the motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is applied was originally or formerly a vehicle not subject to the tax imposed by this section, there shall be deducted from the tax imposed by this section any amount previously paid by and collected from the present owner as a retail sales tax on that vehicle, under the subtitle "Retail Sales Tax Act," in Article 81 of this Code.

(c) The department shall require every applicant to supply information as it deems necessary as to the time of purchase, the purchase price and other information relative to the determination of the fair market value. If the excise tax is based upon the purchase price of a vehicle as required by the definition of "Fair Market Value" in subtitle 1 of this article, the department shall require the submission of a certified bill of sale.

(d) The department shall remit all sums collected under the provisions of this section to the State Treasurer, who shall transfer and credit 25% thereof to the general funds of the state and shall then use and apply the remainder thereof first, to the extent required for debt service on any outstanding State Highway Construction Bonds and shall transfer the balance thereof, if any, to the construction fund for the State Roads Commission provided by section 3(e) of said Article 89B.

(e) Certificates of title for all motor vehicles owned by the United States and used in the investigation of any violation or suspected violation of any law of the United States and for all motor vehicles owned by the State of Maryland or any political subdivision of the State and for fire engines and other fire department emergency apparatus, including vehicles operated by or in connection with any fire department, and for vehicles held for the use of the public and owned by any bona fide unit of a national veterans' organization, and for vehicles owned and used by any Maryland chapter of the American Red Cross, and for ambulances, and rescue and other vehicles owned and used for the benefit of the public by non-profit rescue squads; and for all motor vehicles acquired for resale by any registered dealer from non-residents who are from states whose laws do not require title registration, and for all motor vehicles owned by any foreign consular officer who is a national of the foreign state appointing him and who is not engaged in any business, trade or profession within the United States if there is in force and effect a treaty between the United States and the foreign state which the consul represents granting exemption from taxes on a reciprocal basis, and for all school buses purchased by religious organizations, AND ALL VEHICLES OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CIVIL AIR PATROL shall be exempt from the tax imposed by this section.

(f) The department may issue certificates of title without payment of any excise tax to law enforcement agencies of the United States, and any State or the District of Columbia, provided that the state or District of Columbia reciprocates.

(g) The department may determine the applicability of the excise tax imposed under this section in the following cases: (i) upon the issuance of temporary registration plates; (ii) vehicles jointly owned and transferred to one name of either owner; (iii) involuntary transfers resulting from divorce or separation proceed-