

§ 7-210. *Payment upon judgment.*

*The payment of a judgment arising out of an accident or the payment upon the judgment of an amount equal to the maximum amount which could be required for deposit under this subtitle, for the purposes of this part, releases the judgment debtor from the liability evidenced by the judgment.*

§ 7-210.1. *Payment to department when judgment creditor cannot be found.*

(a) *The department shall not suspend a license or registration of a motor vehicle and shall restore any license or registration suspended because of non-payment of a final judgment when the judgment debtor gives satisfactory evidence that he has been unable to locate the judgment creditor or has made a bona fide tender in the amount of the judgment to the judgment creditor and thereupon pays the amount of the judgment, with interest, to the department.*

(b) *The department shall forthwith transmit this sum to the Treasurer to be credited to a special account and be paid on demand to the judgment creditor or his legal representative.*

(c) *If neither the judgment creditor nor his legal representative make demand for the amount within three years from the date the payment was made to the department, the judgment debtor, or his legal representative, shall be entitled to have the amount refunded to him.*

§ 7-210.2. *Disposition of deposits when payee not located.*

(a) *Whenever the department holds a check or payment due to any person, firm, association, or corporation, and the payee, or person or persons claiming through him or it, cannot be located after five years of reasonable effort, or if the checks or payments due remain unrepresented or unclaimed for a period of five years, the funds shall be disposed of as in this section provided.*

(b) *During the month of December following the end of the five-year period, the department shall publish the name of the payee, as shown by its records, in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county in which the payee is believed to have lived, if the city or county is in the State of Maryland. If the payee is believed to have lived outside the State of Maryland, the publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or county in which the department has its main office. In either event, the publication shall give notice to the payee, and to any person or persons claiming through him or it, warning him or them within six months following the date of publication, to present information relating to his or their identity and present address; and if the information is presented and in the judgment of the department a valid claim has been presented for the funds, payment shall be made accordingly.*

(c) *If within the six-months' period no such information is presented, or if in the judgment of the department a valid claim has not been presented for the funds, the department thereafter shall forthwith deduct the pro rata cost of the publication from the amount due the payee and pay over the remainder to the Motor Vehicle*