

costs. Whenever the State Treasurer finds that monies in the special funds are in excess of reserves likely to be needed for the purposes thereof, he may transfer the excess to the general fund, but in such event claims against the special fund, if the special fund is temporarily exhausted, shall be met from the general fund to the limit of any transfers previously made thereto pursuant to this subsection.

(e) Any motor vehicle left for more than ten days in a garage operated for commercial purposes after notice by registered mail, return receipt requested from the addressee, to the owner to pick up the vehicle, or for more than ten days after the period when, pursuant to contract, the vehicle was to remain on the premises, and any motor vehicle left for more than ten days in the garage by someone other than the registered owner or left by a person authorized to have possession of the motor vehicle under a contract of use, service, storage, or repair, shall be deemed an abandoned vehicle and reported by the garagekeeper to the police department. Any garagekeeper who fails to report the possession of the vehicle within ten days after it becomes abandoned within the meaning of this subsection, no longer has any claim for servicing, storage or repair of the vehicle. All abandoned vehicles left in garages may be taken into custody by the police department and sold in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section, unless the motor vehicle is reclaimed and garagekeeper is paid. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied first to the garagekeeper's charges for servicing, storage, or repair, and any surplus proceeds shall be distributed in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair any lien of a garagekeeper under the laws of this State, or the right of a lien holder to foreclose. For the purposes of this subsection "garagekeeper" means any operator of a parking place or establishment, motor vehicle storage facility, or establishment for the servicing, repair, or maintenance of motor vehicles.

(f)(1) Any person, firm, corporation, or unit of government upon whose property or in whose possession is found any abandoned motor vehicle, or any person being the owner of a motor vehicle whose title certificate is faulty, lost or destroyed, may apply to the police department of the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is situated for authority to sell, give away or dispose of the vehicle to a scrap processor or wrecker.

(2) The application shall set out the name and address of the applicant, the year, make, model, and serial number of the motor vehicle, if ascertainable, together with any other identifying features, and shall contain a concise statement of the facts surrounding the abandonment, or that the title of the motor vehicle is lost or destroyed, or the reasons for the defect of title. The applicant shall execute an affidavit stating that the facts alleged therein are true and that no material fact has been withheld.

(3) If the police department finds that the application is executed in proper form and shows that the motor vehicle has been abandoned upon the property of the applicant, or if it shows that the motor vehicle is not abandoned but that the applicant appears to be the rightful owner, the police department shall follow the notification procedures set forth in subsection (c) of this section.