

ity 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) [subsections (a) and (b)] of this section.

(4) If an abandoned motor vehicle is not reclaimed in accordance with subsection (c) [subsections (a) and (b)], the police department shall give the applicant a certificate of authority to sell the motor vehicle to any wrecker or scrap processor for demolition, wrecking, or dismantling. The wrecker or scrap processor shall accept such certificate in lieu of the certificate of title to the motor vehicle.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, any person, firm, corporation, or unit of government upon whose property or in whose possession any abandoned motor vehicle is found, or any person being the owner of a motor vehicle whose title certificate is faulty, or destroyed may dispose of the motor vehicle to a wrecker or scrap processor without the title and without notification procedures of subsection (c) [subsections (a) and (b)] of this section, if the motor vehicle is over eight years old and has no engine or is otherwise totally inoperable.

(g) *Definitions.*—For the purposes of this section the following shall apply:

(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. (1969, ch. 556; 1970, ch. 534, § 1)

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

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