

pursuant to this section. The notice by publication may contain multiple listings of abandoned vehicles. Such notice shall have the same contents as those required by registered mail, and shall be published within fifteen days of the taking into custody of the motor vehicle except that in the case of said notice by reason of the return as undeliverable of notice by registered mail the notice shall be published within seven days of such return.

(c) *Effect of failure to reclaim vehicle.*—The consequences and effect of failure to reclaim an abandoned motor vehicle shall be as set forth in a valid notice given pursuant to [this subsection] *subsections (a) and (b)*.

(d) *Sale; disposition of proceeds.*—If an abandoned motor vehicle has not been reclaimed as provided for in [subsection (c)] *subsections (a) and (b)*, the police department shall sell it at public auction. The purchaser of the motor vehicle shall take title to the motor vehicle free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership, shall receive a sales receipt from the police department, and shall be entitled to register the purchased vehicle and receive a certificate of title. The sales receipt at such a sale shall be sufficient title only for purposes of transferring the vehicle to a scrap processor for demolition, wrecking, or dismantling, and in such case, no further titling of the vehicle is necessary. From the proceeds of the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle the police department shall reimburse itself for the expenses of the auction, the costs of towing, preserving, and storing the vehicle which resulted from placing the abandoned motor vehicle in custody, and all notice and publication costs incurred pursuant to [subsection (c)] *subsections (a) and (b)*, of this section. Any remainder from the proceeds of a sale shall be held for the owner of the vehicle or entitled lienholder for ninety days, and then shall be deposited with the State Treasurer in a special fund which shall remain available for the payment of auction, towing, preservation, storage, and all notice and publication costs which result from placing other abandoned vehicles in custody, whenever the proceeds from a sale of such other abandoned motor vehicles are insufficient to meet these expenses and costs. Whenever the State Treasurer finds that moneys 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) *Vehicles abandoned in garages, etc.*—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 garage keeper to the police department. Any garage keeper 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