

forfeited under the subheading unless it shall appear that the owner or other person in charge of such conveyance was a consenting party or privy to a violation of this subheading; and

~~[(b)]~~ *(ii)* No conveyance shall be forfeited under the provisions of this section by reason of any act or omission established by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted by any person other than such owner while such conveyance was unlawfully in the possession of a person other than the owner in violation of the criminal laws of the United States, or of any state; and

(5) All books, records, and research, including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended for use, in violation of this subheading;

(6) All money or currency which shall be found in close proximity to contraband controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia or which otherwise has been used or intended for use in connection with the illegal manufacture, distribution, dispensing or possession of controlled dangerous substances or controlled paraphernalia.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not apply to any motor vehicle used in perpetration of or in connection with a felony VIOLATION committed before the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 31, 1972.

CHAPTER 660

(Senate Bill 13)

AN ACT to add new Section 240 to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume, 1971 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 239 thereof and to be under the new subheading "Interstate ~~Environmental~~ ENVIRONMENT Compact," providing for a Compact among the State of Maryland, and other States, and with the Federal Government signatory to the Compact to promote intergovernmental cooperation and protection of the environment; providing for the application, effect and duration of the Compact; and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 240 be and it is hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume, 1971 Sup-