

HARFORD COUNTY

given, the person summoned shall also notify the Clerk of the Court that he desires the presence of the Officer who issued the summons at the time of the hearing. In the event that the person so summoned does not notify the Clerk that he desires the presence of the officer at the time of the hearing as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary that the officer who issued the summons appear, and the copy of the summons bearing the certification by the officer shall be prima facie evidence of the matters therein set forth. The Law Enforcement Agencies shall cause notice of the provisions of this section to be attached to all summonses used for violations of this section. No summons shall be issued setting a trial date less than fifteen (15) days from the date of offense.

(2) Whenever an unattended motor vehicle may be found in violation of the provisions of this section, the registered owner, as disclosed by the records of the State Motor Vehicle Administration, shall be held responsible for the violation.

(3) Any person charged with violation of this section may give his written promise to appear in Court by signing at least one (1) copy of the written traffic citation prepared by the officer in which event the officer shall deliver a copy of the citation to the person, and thereupon the officer shall not take the person into physical custody for the violation.

(4) Any person who shall violate his written promise to appear in Court to answer to a charge of a violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, regardless of the disposition of the charge upon which he was originally charged. A written promise to appear in Court may be complied with by an appearance by counsel.

(e) Penalties.

(1) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned not less than ten (10) days, nor more than three (3) months, or both fined and imprisoned.

(f) Liability. Harford County, Maryland, or any Fire Company serving Harford County, or any Law Enforcement Officer or Agency shall not be held liable for any damage to property that may result from the proper application and enforcement of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an Emergency Act and necessary