

(m) [(1)] All tangible and intangible personal property and any income or increment on the property held by a nursing home for the benefit of a deceased or discharged patient and remaining, for more than [one (1)] 1 year, unclaimed by the patient or a personal representative or heir, are presumed abandoned, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 17 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.

[(2)] The Comptroller shall establish procedures for receipt of a patient's money and for maintenance of escrow accounts required by this section.

(3) The Comptroller's office shall maintain the escrow account on behalf of the patient for a period of seven years. If after this period neither the patient, personal representative, heirs, nor any other person entitled to claim the funds has done so, then the funds and any interest earned shall accrue to the State. If property is claimed by a person entitled to the funds or valuables, the State shall return interest earned less costs to the State of maintaining the account. After seven years, Title II of the Commercial Law Article of the Maryland Code providing for disposition of unclaimed property shall apply.

(4) The office of the Comptroller shall publish a notice at least once a year in the Maryland Register, listing the names of all persons for whom it has received funds during the preceding calendar year as required by this section.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

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CHAPTER 541

(House Bill 360)

AN ACT concerning

Weights and Measures - Bulk Commodities and Goods

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions for delivery tickets for certain commodities in bulk sold by weight units; providing for issuance of a ticket or statement for sales or transportation of certain commodities in bulk or goods for which their quantity determines the sale or transportation charge or cost; ~~and~~ providing for possession, retention, inspection, and surrender of these tickets and statements ; and providing certain exceptions.