

Section 16-205(b) and 16-207
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

16-207.

(a) If the charges which give rise to a lien are due and unpaid for 30 days and the lienor is in possession of the property subject to the lien, the lienor may sell the property to which the lien attaches at public sale. The sale shall be in a location convenient and accessible to the public and shall be held between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(b) (1) The lienor shall publish notice of the time, place, and terms of the sale and a full description of the property to be sold once a week for the two weeks immediately [preceeding] PRECEDING the sale in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county where the sale is to be held.

(2) In addition, the lienor shall send the notice by registered or certified mail at least 10 days before the sale to:

(i) The owner of the property, ALL HOLDERS OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE VEHICLE AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION;

(ii) The person who incurred the charges which give rise to the lien, if the address of the owner is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence; or

(iii) "General delivery" at the post office of the city or county where the business of the lienor is located, if the address of both the owner and the person who incurred the charges is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

(C) IF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A LIEN IS DELIVERED BY THE LIENOR TO THE POSSESSION OF A THIRD PARTY FOR STORAGE, AND THE CHARGES FOR STORAGE ARE DUE AND UNPAID FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE, THE THIRD PARTY HOLDER IS DEEMED TO HOLD A PERFECTED SECURITY INTEREST IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 13-202 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE AND MAY SELL THE MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LIENOR UNDER THIS SECTION IF HE HAS FIRST PUBLISHED AND SENT NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE AS REQUIRED OF THE LIENOR UNDER THIS SECTION.