

1. IS AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY;
2. MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO REGISTER THE MOTOR VEHICLE; AND
3. MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAIL A WARNING NOTICE INSTEAD OF A CITATION TO THE OWNER LIABLE UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT MAIL A CITATION TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN OWNER.

(4) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (G)(4) OF THIS SECTION, A CITATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MAILED NO LATER THAN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

(5) A PERSON WHO RECEIVES A CITATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY:

(I) PAY THE CIVIL PENALTY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CITATION, DIRECTLY TO BALTIMORE CITY ~~OR THE DISTRICT COURT~~; OR

(II) ELECT TO STAND TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

(F) (1) A CERTIFICATE ALLEGING THAT A VIOLATION OF THE STATE LITTER CONTROL LAW OR A LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF LITTER OCCURRED, SWORN TO OR AFFIRMED BY A DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON INSPECTION OF SURVEILLANCE IMAGES PRODUCED BY A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, SHALL BE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE CERTIFICATE AND SHALL BE ADMISSABLE IN A PROCEEDING ALLEGING A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) ADJUDICATION OF LIABILITY SHALL BE BASED ON A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE.

(G) (1) THE DISTRICT COURT MAY CONSIDER IN DEFENSE OF A VIOLATION:

(I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THAT:

1. THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND WAS NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION; OR

2. THE REGISTRATION PLATES OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE WERE STOLEN BEFORE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED AND WERE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION;

(II) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON NAMED IN THE CITATION WAS NOT THE PERSON IN THE