

CHAPTER 201

(Senate Bill 460)

AN ACT concerning

Abandoned or Impounded Vehicles - Removed or Defaced Serial Identification Serial Numbers

FOR the purpose of allowing ~~political--subdivisions~~ police departments to retain and use certain vehicles from which certain identification numbers are missing; providing for the authorization of new identification numbers in certain circumstances; ~~and requiring that certain vehicles--be--used for--a--public--purpose.~~ authorizing the use of certain vehicles for public purposes; providing certain restrictions on the uses and disposition of certain vehicles; and generally relating to abandoned or impounded vehicles.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation
Section ~~25-211~~ 25-207.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

~~25-211-~~ 25-207.1.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY VEHICLE:

(1) WHICH IS IMPOUNDED BY A POLICE DEPARTMENT EITHER AS ABANDONED OR PURSUANT TO OTHER STATE OR LOCAL LAW;

(2) FROM WHICH THE ENGINE-OR ENGINE OR VEHICLE SERIAL IDENTIFICATION SERIAL NUMBER HAS BEEN REMOVED OR DEFACED; AND

(3) OF WHICH NEITHER THE OWNER NOR ANY SECURED PARTY CAN BE IDENTIFIED FROM RECORDS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER REASONABLE STEPS TAKEN BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

~~{B}--AT--THE--REQUEST--OF--THE--POLICE--DEPARTMENT,--THE ADMINISTRATION--SHALL--AUTHORIZE--THE--PLACING--OF--A--NEW IDENTIFICATION-NUMBER-ON-THE-VEHICLE-OR-ENGINE.~~

~~{C}--IF--THE-MISSING-OR-DEFACED-SERIAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER HAS-BEEN-REPLACED-AS-AUTHORIZED-BY-THIS--SECTION,--THE--POLITICAL SUBDIVISION--ON--WHOSE--AUTHORITY--THE--VEHICLE-WAS-IMPOUNDED-MAY RETAIN-AND-USE-THE-VEHICLE-FOR-PUBLIC-PURPOSES.~~