

and any secured party noted among the records of the Motor Vehicle Administration.

(i) If the owner of the seized motor vehicle desires to obtain possession thereof before A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE IS FILED OR BEFORE the hearing on the petition filed against the vehicle, the clerk of the court where the CRIMINAL PROCEEDING OR THE petition FOR FORFEITURE is filed shall have an appraisal made by the sheriff of the county or city in which the court is located. The sheriff shall promptly inspect and render an appraisal of the value of the vehicle and return the appraisal, in writing, under oath, to the clerk of the court in which the proceedings are pending. Upon the filing of the appraisal, the owner may give bond payable to the State of Maryland, in an amount equal to the appraised value of the vehicle plus court costs which may accrue, with security to be approved by the clerk, and conditioned for performance on the final judgment of the court after the hearing on the petition, the court directs that the motor vehicle or such interest or equity as the owner may have therein, be forfeited, judgment may thereupon be entered against the obligors on the bond for the penalty thereof, without further or other proceeding, to be discharged by the payment of the appraised value of the vehicle so seized and forfeited and costs, upon which judgment execution may issue. A--PETITION--FOR THE--RETURN--OF--THE--SEIZED--MOTOR--VEHICLE--AND--FOR THE BOND AUTHORIZED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OR CIRCUIT COURT WHERE THE CRIMINAL ACTION THAT GAVE RISE TO THE SEIZURE IS PENDING AND SHALL BE PART OF THAT SAME CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, UNLESS A PETITION FOR FORFEITURE HAS BEEN FILED. HOWEVER, IF NO CRIMINAL ACTION IS PENDING OR IF NO FORFEITURE PETITION HAS BEEN FILED, THE BOND SHALL BE FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OR DISTRICT COURT WHERE THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved April 29, 1986.

CHAPTER 182

(House Bill 181)

AN ACT concerning

Weights and Measures - City and County Jurisdiction

FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of cities and counties that contain more than a certain number of people to regulate weights and measures; repealing certain powers and duties of a local inspector and deputy local inspector; repealing certain definitions; making certain technical