

(b) (1) [The] IF, WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED TO FILE A CLAIM UNDER § 13-837 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON WHO HAS A LIEN INTEREST IN PROPERTY SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAX LAW FILES A PETITION, THE circuit court for the county in which property is seized shall proceed in rem to hear and determine the question of forfeiture of [property seized for violation of the alcoholic beverage tax law] THE INTEREST BY THE LIEN HOLDER.

(2) If the circuit court finds that the lien holder had knowledge of the intended unlawful use of the property, the interest, right, and title of a lien holder shall be forfeited.

(3) Absent a finding under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Comptroller, in the best interest of the State, may:

(i) pay the outstanding indebtedness secured by the lawful lien and keep the property; or

(ii) deliver the property to the lien holder.

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(b) The Comptroller shall:

(2) mail [the person, by certified mail,] a notice of the final determination on the date on which that determination is made.

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(d) In the manner required under Title 2 of this article for distributions of [motor fuel tax revenue or tobacco tax] revenue, the Comptroller shall distribute[:

(1) the gross proceeds from the sale of contraband cigarettes; and

(2)] the net proceeds from the sale of [contraband motor fuel and] any conveyance OR OTHER PROPERTY UNDER THIS SECTION after paying:

[(i)] (1) the costs incurred in conjunction with the seizure and disposal of the property;

[(ii)] (2) the cost of the sale; and

[(iii)] (3) any bona fide lien against the conveyance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1989.