

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

Article - Transportation

25-204.

(a) As soon as reasonably possible and within 7 days at most after it takes an abandoned vehicle into custody, a police department shall send a notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to:

(1) The last known registered owner of the vehicle;  
and

(2) Each secured party, as shown on the records of the Administration.

(b) The notice shall:

(1) State that the abandoned vehicle has been taken into custody;

(2) Describe the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle;

(3) Give the location of the facility where the vehicle is held;

(4) (i) Inform the owner and secured party of his right to reclaim the vehicle within 3 weeks after the date of the notice, on payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges resulting from taking or placing the vehicle in custody; or

(ii) In Baltimore City, be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and inform the owner and secured party of the owner's and secured party's right to reclaim the vehicle within 11 working days after the receipt of the notice, on payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges resulting from taking or placing the vehicle in custody; and

(5) State that the failure of the owner or secured party to exercise this right in the time provided is:

(i) A waiver by him of all his right, title, and interest in the vehicle; and

(ii) A consent to the sale of the vehicle at public auction.