

liability for certain damages of a person who tows or removes a vehicle in violation of this Act; providing for the construction of this Act; defining a term; providing that this Act does not apply to certain abandoned vehicles; providing that this Act applies only to a parking lot in Baltimore City or Baltimore County; and generally relating to the towing or removal of vehicles from parking lots.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 21-10A-01 through ~~21-10A-07~~ 21-10A-06, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 10A. Towing or Removal of Vehicles from Parking Lots"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

SUBTITLE 10A. TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM PARKING LOTS

21-10A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "PARKING LOT" MEANS A PRIVATELY OWNED FACILITY CONSISTING OF 3 OR MORE SPACES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING THAT IS:

(1) ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC; AND

(2) INTENDED BY THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY TO BE USED PRIMARILY BY THE OWNER'S CUSTOMERS, CLIENTELE, RESIDENTS, LESSEES, OR GUESTS.

(B) (1) THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY TO THE TOWING OR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM PARKING LOTS IN BALTIMORE CITY OR BALTIMORE COUNTY.

(2) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE PREVENTS A LOCAL AUTHORITY FROM EXERCISING ANY POWER TO ADOPT ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OR LICENSING OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PARKING, TOWING OR REMOVAL, OR IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES.

(C) THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ABANDONED VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN § 25-201 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21-10A-02.

~~SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 21-10A-03 AND 21-10A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE OWNER OF A PARKING LOT OR THE OWNER'S AGENT~~