

CHAPTER 602

(House Bill 1357)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Sale of Abandoned Vehicles – Title

FOR the purpose of permitting the buyer at public auction of an abandoned vehicle to obtain a salvage certificate, rather than a certificate of title to the vehicle; clarifying that the buyer takes ownership of the vehicle free and clear of any other interest; permitting the buyer to obtain a certificate of title in a certain manner; permitting the transfer of a vehicle to an automotive dismantler and recycler in a certain manner; and generally relating to the transfer of ownership of abandoned vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 25-207

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Transportation

25-207.

(a) If an abandoned vehicle is not reclaimed as provided for in this subtitle, the police department shall sell the vehicle at public auction.

(b) The buyer of the vehicle at auction:

(1) Takes [title to] OWNERSHIP OF the vehicle free and clear of any claim of ownership or lien OF ANY OTHER PERSON;

(2) Is entitled to a sales receipt, ON A FORM THAT IS APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, from the police department; [and]

(3) Is entitled to obtain a [certificate of title of] SALVAGE CERTIFICATE FOR the vehicle [and register it in his own name]; AND

(4) MAY OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE UNDER § 13-507 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(c) The sales receipt, ON A FORM THAT IS APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, is sufficient title for transferring the vehicle to [a] AN AUTOMOTIVE DISMANTLER AND RECYCLER OR scrap processor for dismantling, destroying, or scrapping, in which case. [only], a certificate of title is not required.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle: