

**Article - Transportation**

17-106.

(a) If the required security for any vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses at any time, the registration of that vehicle:

(1) Is suspended automatically as of the date of termination or lapse; and

(2) Remains suspended until:

(i) The required security is replaced and the vehicle owner submits evidence of replaced security on a form as prescribed by the Administration and certified by an insurer or agent; and

(ii) Any uninsured motorist penalty fee assessed is paid to the Administration.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each insurer or other provider of required security immediately shall notify the Administration of those terminations or other lapses that are final.

(2) Each insurer or other provider of required security for a vehicle registered as a Class B (for hire) vehicle under Title 13 of this article shall notify the Administration within 45 days of a termination or other lapse that is final and occurs anytime after the required security is issued or provided.

(c) On receipt of a notice under subsection (b) of this section, the Administration shall make a reasonable effort to notify the owner of the vehicle that his registration has been suspended.

(d) (1) Within 48 hours after an owner is notified by the Administration of the suspension of registration, the owner shall surrender all evidences of that registration to the Administration.

(2) If the owner fails to surrender the evidences of registration within the 48-hour period, the Administration:

(i) Shall attempt to recover from the owner the evidences of registration; and

(ii) May suspend his license to drive until he returns to the Motor Vehicle Administration the evidences of registration.

(3) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE PARTIES TO PROCURE THE SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT AGENTS TO ASSIST IN THE RECOVERY OF THE EVIDENCES OF REGISTRATION AS AUTHORIZED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Motor Vehicle Administration shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee by July 1, 1997 on the status of the use of independent agents to assist in the recovery of evidences of registration.