In item (3) of this subsection, the reference to a "municipal corporation" is substituted for the former reference to a "municipality" to conform to the terminology used in the Md. Constitution, Art. XI–E.

Defined terms: "County" § 1–101
"Seizing authority" § 12–101

(H) LIEN.

"LIEN" INCLUDES A MORTGAGE, DEED OF TRUST, PLEDGE, SECURITY INTEREST, ENCUMBRANCE, OR RIGHT OF SETOFF.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 297(a)(7).

The Criminal Procedure Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that a right of setoff is not normally included in the definition of "lien".

(I) LIENHOLDER.

"LIENHOLDER" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS A LIEN OR A SECURED INTEREST ON PROPERTY CREATED BEFORE THE SEIZURE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 297(a)(8).

Defined terms: "Lien" § 12–101
"Person" § 1–101
"Property" § 12–101

(J) LOCAL FINANCIAL AUTHORITY.

"LOCAL FINANCIAL AUTHORITY" MEANS:

(1) IF THE SEIZING AUTHORITY IS A UNIT OF A COUNTY, THE TREASURER OR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE COUNTY; OR

(2) IF THE SEIZING AUTHORITY IS A UNIT OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, THE TREASURER OR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THAT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid the necessity of repeating the phrase "the treasurer or director of finance of a county, or the treasurer or director of finance of a municipal corporation".

Defined terms: "County" § 1–101
"Seizing authority" § 12–101

(K) OWNER.

(1) "OWNER" MEANS A PERSON HAVING A LEGAL, EQUITABLE, OR POSSESSORY INTEREST IN PROPERTY.