

~~possession of the Baltimore Police Department be divided equally among certain entities;~~ providing that a person who submits certain proof of the right to possession of the property shall be paid a certain amount under certain circumstances; providing that a certain claim is barred after a certain period of time; providing for the interpretation of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the disposal of personal property in the possession of local law enforcement agencies.

BY adding to

Article - Public Safety
Section 3-505
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Public Safety

3-505.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE.

(B) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED FOR USE BY A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR TO CONTRABAND.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONAL PROPERTY RETAINED BY A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR USE AS EVIDENCE IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

(3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT SUPERSEDE THE PROVISIONS FOR SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE CONTAINED IN TITLES 12 AND 13 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.

(C) (1) THE EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL HOLD PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT COMES INTO THE POSSESSION OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY UNTIL THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY DETERMINES THAT: