

17-106.

(e) (1) (i) In addition to any other penalty provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law, if the required security for a vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses during its registration year, the Administration may assess the owner of the vehicle with a penalty of \$150 for each vehicle without the required security for a period of 1 to 30 days. If a fine is assessed, beginning on the 31st day the fine shall increase by a rate of \$7 for each day.

(ii) Each period during which the required security for a vehicle terminates or otherwise lapses shall constitute a separate violation.

(iii) The penalty imposed under this subsection may not exceed \$2,500 for each violation in a 12-month period.

(2) (i) A penalty assessed under this subsection shall be paid as follows:

1. 70% to be allocated to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION ENFORCEMENT FUND, and the General Fund as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph; and

2. 30% to the Administration.

(ii) The percentage of the penalties specified under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be distributed as follows:

1. \$2,000,000 to the Vehicle Theft Prevention Fund established under Article 88B, § 74 of the Code;

2. The amount distributed to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund in the prior fiscal year under the provisions of this subparagraph adjusted by the change for the calendar year preceding the fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers - Medical Care as published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; [and]

3. ~~\$300,000~~ \$400,000 TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION ENFORCEMENT FUND EACH FISCAL YEAR, STARTING IN FISCAL YEAR 1999 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2003; AND

4. The balance to the General Fund.

(3) If the Administration assesses a vehicle owner or co-owner with a penalty under this subsection, the Administration may not take any of the following actions until the penalty is paid:

(i) Reinstate a registration suspended under this subsection;

(ii) Issue a new registration for any vehicle that is owned or co-owned by that person and is titled after the violation date; or