

(b) ~~(1)~~ In the absence of the driver ~~AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~, the registered owner of the vehicle is presumed to be the person receiving the citation.

~~(2) IF THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE IS A MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL OR LEASING COMPANY, THE RENTER OR LESSEE, IF ANY, OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME THE CITATION IS ISSUED IS PRESUMED TO BE THE PERSON RECEIVING THE CITATION.~~

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(a) ~~[The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION~~, THE Administration may not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle involved in a parking violation under this subtitle, a violation under any federal parking regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government, or a violation of § 21-202(h) of this article as determined under § 21-202.1 of this article, if:

(1) It is notified by a political subdivision or authorized State agency that a person cited for a violation under this subtitle or § 22-202.1 of this article has failed to either:

(i) Pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in the citation; or

(ii) File a notice of his intention to stand trial for the violation;

(2) It is notified by the District Court that a person who has elected to stand trial for the violation under this subtitle or under § 22-202.1 of this article has failed to appear for trial; or

(3) It is notified by a U.S. District Court that a person cited for a violation under a federal parking regulation:

(i) Has failed to pay the fine for the violation by the date specified in the federal citation; or

(ii) Either has failed to file a notice of his intention to stand trial for the violation, or, if electing to stand trial, has failed to appear for trial.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Administration may suspend the registration of a vehicle involved in a parking violation under this subtitle or a violation under any federal parking regulation that applies to property in this State under the jurisdiction of the U.S. government if notified in accordance with subsection (a) of this section that the violator is a chronic offender.

(2) The Administration may adopt rules and regulations to define chronic offender and develop procedures to carry out the suspension of registration as authorized by this subsection.

(c) The Administration shall continue the suspension and refusal to register or transfer a registration of the vehicle until: