

## Article - Transportation

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§25–201.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Abandoned vehicle” means any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer:
  - (1) That is inoperable and left unattended on public property for more than 48 hours;
  - (2) That has remained illegally on public property for more than 48 hours;
  - (3) That has remained on private property for more than 48 hours without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property;
  - (4) That has remained in a garage for more than 10 days after the garage keeper has given the owner of the vehicle notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to remove the vehicle;
  - (5) That has remained in a garage for more than 10 days after the period when, by contract, the vehicle was to remain in the garage;
  - (6) That was left for more than 10 days in a garage by:
    - (i) Someone other than its registered owner; or
    - (ii) A person authorized to have possession of the vehicle under a contract of use, service, storage, or repair;
  - (7) That has remained on public property for more than 48 hours and:
    - (i) Is not displaying currently valid registration plates; or
    - (ii) Is displaying registration plates of another vehicle;
  - (8) That has been left unattended on any portion of a “controlled access highway” as defined in § 8-101(f) of this article for more than 24 hours;
  - (9) That has been left unattended on any portion of a primary or secondary highway or controlled access highway, as defined in § 8-101 of this article, and is in violation of any of the provisions of § 22-408 of this article; or
  - (10) That is not reclaimed as provided under § 27-111 of this article.
- (c) “Garage” means any of the following, if operated for commercial purposes:

- (1) A parking place or establishment;
  - (2) A vehicle storage facility; or
  - (3) An establishment for the servicing, repair, or maintenance of vehicles.
- (d) (1) “Lessor” means a person who regularly leases or offers to lease motor vehicles.
- (2) “Lessor” includes:
    - (i) An assignee of leases; and
    - (ii) A person who during any 12-month period offers to lease 5 or more motor vehicles or who is assigned 5 or more leases.
- (e) “Police department” means:
- (1) The Department of State Police;
  - (2) The police department of any political subdivision of this State;
  - (3) In Baltimore City, the appropriate agency designated by the Board of Estimates;
  - (4) The police forces of public colleges and universities;
  - (5) In Prince George’s County, if designated by the County Executive, the Prince George’s County Department of Environmental Resources;
  - (6) In any municipality in Prince George’s County or Montgomery County, an appropriate agency or department designated by the governing body of the municipality; and
  - (7) The police force of any State government agency.

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