

(2) IF THE REGISTERED OWNER IS A LESSOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND AT THE TIME OF THE FAILURE TO PAY A TOLL THE MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF A LESSEE, AND THE LESSOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION PROVIDES THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR ITS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT WITH A COPY OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT IDENTIFYING THE LESSEE, THEN THE LESSEE SHALL BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A FAILURE TO PAY A TOLL IS OPERATED USING A DEALER OR TRANSPORTER REGISTRATION PLATE, AND AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS UNDER THE CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DEALER OR TRANSPORTER, AND IF THE DEALER OR TRANSPORTER WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION IDENTIFIES TO THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR ITS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT THE PERSON WHO HAD CUSTODY AND CONTROL OVER THE MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THEN THAT PERSON AND NOT THE DEALER OR TRANSPORTER SHALL BE LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

(4) IF A MOTOR VEHICLE IS REPORTED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AS STOLEN AT THE TIME OF THE FAILURE TO PAY A TOLL, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE REGISTERED OWNER BECOMES AWARE OF THE THEFT, THEN THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS NOT LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

~~(5) IT IS NOT A DEFENSE TO LIABILITY UNDER THIS SECTION THAT A REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT OPERATING THE MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE FAILURE TO PAY A TOLL~~

(I) IF WITHIN 30 DAYS OF NOTICE OF A VIOLATION, A REGISTERED OWNER PROVIDES TO THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR ITS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO WAS OPERATING THE MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION, THEN THAT PERSON SHALL BE SUBJECT TO LIABILITY UNDER THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE SENT A NOTICE OF VIOLATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) IF THAT PERSON SUBSEQUENTLY ADMITS TO OR IS ADJUDICATED RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE TOLL, THEN THE REGISTERED OWNER IS NOT LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION.

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(A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT REGISTER OR TRANSFER THE REGISTRATION OF ANY VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A FAILURE TO PAY A TOLL VIOLATION UNDER § 21-1414 OF THIS ARTICLE IF:

(1) IT IS NOTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY THAT A REGISTERED OWNER WHO HAS RECEIVED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF § 21-1414 OF THIS ARTICLE HAS FAILED TO EITHER:

(I) PAY THE TOLL AND THE CIVIL PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION BY THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION; OR