

**§5823. Perfecting titles to forfeited vehicles**

**1. Vehicle report.** Any officer, department or agency seizing any vehicle subject to forfeiture under section 5821, shall file a report of seizure with the Attorney General or a district attorney having jurisdiction over the vehicle. This report must be filed at least 21 days from the date of seizure. The report shall be labeled "Vehicle Report" and shall include:

- A. A description of the vehicle; [PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW).]
- B. The place and date of seizure; [PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW).]
- C. The name and address of the owner or operator of the vehicle at the time of seizure; and [PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW).]
- D. The name and address of any other person who appears to have an ownership interest in the vehicle. [PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW).]

The seizing officer, department or agency must make a diligent search and inquiry as to ownership of the vehicle. The filing of a vehicle report is conclusive evidence that a diligent search and inquiry were completed.

[PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW).]

**2. Procedure.**

[PL 2021, c. 454, §11 (RP).]

**3. Defaced or missing identification numbers.** Any vehicle disposed of under this section that does not have a vehicle identification number or the number is illegible must be issued a special number by the Secretary of State under Title 29-A, section 407.

[PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §50 (AMD); PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §153 (AFF); PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. C, §15 (AFF).]

**4. Subsequent actions.** Neither replevin or any other action to recover any interest in any vehicle disposed of under this section may be maintained in any court of this State.

[PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1987, c. 420, §2 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 461, §3 (AMD). PL 1995, c. 65, §A50 (AMD). PL 1995, c. 65, §§A153,C15 (AFF). PL 2021, c. 454, §11 (AMD).

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