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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental -  
Transportation)**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Law - Abandoned Vehicles - Disposition**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain persons follow certain notification  
4 procedures before transferring certain abandoned vehicles to an automotive  
5 dismantler and recycler or scrap processor; requiring a certain indemnity  
6 agreement to be executed under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
7 the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 25-210  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 25-210.

17 (a) The following persons may transfer a vehicle under this section:

18 (1) Any person who possesses or on whose property any abandoned  
19 vehicle is found;

20 (2) Any person who owns a vehicle for which the certificate of title is  
21 defective, lost, or destroyed; or

22 (3) Any agent designated and authorized by a government agency to  
23 remove an abandoned vehicle from public or private property.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, [if the vehicle is more  
25 than 8 years old and has no engine or otherwise is totally inoperable,] any person

1 described in subsection (a) of this section may transfer the vehicle to an automotive  
2 dismantler and recycler or scrap processor without a certificate of title [and without]  
3 AFTER following the notification procedures of §§ 25-204 and 25-205 of this subtitle.

4 (c) An automotive dismantler and recycler or scrap processor [may] SHALL  
5 require a person who transfers a vehicle under subsection (b) of this section, to  
6 execute an indemnity agreement on a form prescribed by the Administration.

7 (d) In those cases described in subsection (b) of this section, an automotive  
8 dismantler and recycler or a scrap processor whose plant is physically located and  
9 operating in this State may file with the Administration the indemnity agreement  
10 described in subsection (c) of this section that identifies the vehicle and contains the  
11 name, address, and signature of the person delivering it.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
13 effect October 1, 2000.