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(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 § 16–303.1 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, an appropriate agency or department designated by the County Executive;

(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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