

Chapter 98

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RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF FINDERS AND OWNERS

98.005 Rights and duties of finder of money or goods. (1) If any person finds money or goods valued at \$25 or more, and if the owner of the money or goods is unknown, such person, within 10 days after the date of the finding, shall give notice of the finding in writing to the county clerk of the county in which the money or goods was found. Within 20 days after the date of the finding, the finder of the money or goods shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice of the finding once each week for four consecutive weeks. Each such notice shall state the general description of the money or goods found, the name and address of the finder and final date before which such goods may be claimed.

(2) If no person appears and establishes his ownership of the money or goods prior to the expiration of six months after the date of the notice to the county clerk under subsection (1) of this section, the finder shall be the owner of the money or goods. [1973 c.642 §1]

98.010 [Repealed by 1973 c.642 §13]

98.015 Liability of noncomplying finder; forfeiture to county of unclaimed money or goods. If any person who finds money or goods valued at \$25 or more fails to comply with ORS 98.005, he shall be liable, upon conviction for violation of ORS 164.065, to the county for the money or goods or the full value of the money or goods. The county treasurer shall hold the money or goods or their value for owner thereof and shall publish notice of the finding of the money or goods in the manner provided in ORS 98.005. If the owner has not reclaimed such money or goods within six months after the date of the first publication of notice by the county treasurer, he shall forfeit his rights to the value of such money or goods and the value of such money or goods shall be placed in the general fund of the county to be used for the payment of the general operating expenses of the county. [1973 c.642 §2]

98.020 [Repealed by 1973 c.642 §13]

98.025 Rights of owner. If an owner of money or goods found by another person appears and establishes his claim to such money or goods within the time period prescribed by ORS 98.005 or 98.015, whichever applies, he shall have restitution of such money or goods or their value upon payment of all costs and charges incurred in the finding, giving of notice, care and custody of such money or goods. [1973 c.642 §3]

98.030 [Repealed by 1973 c.642 §13]

98.040 [Repealed by 1973 c.642 §13]

DISPOSAL OF CONSIGNED OR BAILED PROPERTY THAT IS UNCLAIMED

98.110 Record to be kept by consignee or bailee of property. When personal property is consigned to or deposited with any forwarding merchant, wharf, warehouse, tavern keeper or the keeper of any depot for the reception and storage of trucks, baggage, merchandise or other personal property, the consignee or bailee shall immediately cause to be entered in a book kept by him a description of such property, with the date of its reception.

98.120 Notice to owner of receipt of property by consignee or bailee. If personal property left with a consignee or bailee referred to in ORS 98.110 was not left for the purpose of being forwarded or disposed of according to directions received by the consignee or bailee at or before the time of its reception, and if the name and residence of the owner of the property is known to the person having the property in his possession, he shall immediately notify the owner, by letter directed to him and deposited in the post office, of the reception of such property.

98.130 Right of custodian to sell property. If personal property deposited with a consignee or bailee as mentioned in ORS 98.110 or 98.120 is not claimed and taken away within one year after the time it was received, the person having possession thereof may at any time thereafter proceed to sell the property in the manner provided in ORS 98.140 to 98.240.

98.140 Notice of sale. Before property shall be sold pursuant to ORS 98.130, at least 60 days' notice of sale shall be given the owner of the property, if his name and residence are known, either personally or by mail, or by leaving a notice at his residence or place of doing business, or, if the name and residence of the owner is not known, a notice shall be published containing a description of the property for six weeks successively in a newspaper published in the county where the property was deposited. If there is no newspaper published in that county, then the notice shall be published in a newspaper nearest thereto in the state. The last publication of the notice shall be at least 18 days prior to the time of sale.

98.150 Affidavit by custodian when no response to notice. If the owner or person entitled to the property to be sold pursuant to ORS 98.130 shall not take it away and pay the charges thereon after 60 days' notice is given, the person having possession thereof, his agent or attorney shall deliver to a justice of the peace of the county where the property was received an affidavit setting forth a description of the property remaining unclaimed, the time of its reception, the publication of the notice, and whether the owner of the property is known or unknown.

98.160 Inventory and order to sell. Upon the delivery to him of the affidavit as provided in ORS 98.150, the justice shall cause the property to be examined in his presence, and a true inventory thereof to be made. He shall annex to such inventory an order under his hand that the property therein described be sold at public auction by any constable of the constable district where the property is located, or if there is no constable, then by the county sheriff. [Amended by 1963 c.228 §1]

98.170 Sale. The constable or sheriff receiving the inventory and order provided for in ORS 98.160 shall give 10 days' notice of the sale by posting written notices thereof in three or more places in such constable district, or in the county, and sell the property at public auction to the highest bidder in the same manner as provided by law for sales under execution from justices' courts. [Amended by 1963 c.228 §2]

98.180 Delivery of proceeds to justice. Upon completing the sale provided for in ORS 98.170, the constable or sheriff making the sale shall indorse upon the order provided for in ORS 98.160 a return of his proceedings. He shall deliver the order to the justice, together with the inventory and the proceeds of sale, after deducting his fees. [Amended by 1963 c.228 §3]

98.190 Disposal of proceeds by justice. From the proceeds of the sale provided for in ORS 98.170, the justice shall pay all legal charges that have been incurred in relation to the property, or a ratable proportion of each charge if the proceeds of the sale are not sufficient to pay all the charges; and the balance, if there is any, he shall immediately pay over to the treasurer of the county in which the property was sold, and deliver a statement therewith containing a description of the property sold, the gross amount of the sale, and the costs, charges and expenses paid to each person.

98.200 Procedure by county treasurer. The county treasurer shall make an entry of the amount received by him and the time when received, and shall file in his office the statement delivered to him by the justice pursuant to ORS 98.190.

98.210 Payment to person proving ownership. If the owner of the property sold, or his legal representative, furnishes satisfactory evidence to the treasurer of his ownership of the property deposited in the county treasury pursuant to ORS 98.190, he shall be entitled to receive from the treasurer the amount deposited with him. [Amended by 1957 c.670 §30]

Note: See note for 98.432.

98.220 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.230 Sale of perishable property. Perishable property consigned or left as mentioned in ORS 98.110, if not reclaimed within 30 days after it was left, may be sold by giving 10 days' notice thereof. The sale shall be conducted and the proceeds of the sale shall be applied as provided in ORS 98.170 to 98.210. Any property in a state of decay or manifestly liable to immediately become decayed, may, after inspection, be summarily sold by order of a justice of the peace, as provided in ORS 98.160.

98.240 Fees allowed to justice of peace and constable or sheriff. A justice of the peace shall receive \$9 for each day's service rendered pursuant to ORS 98.160 to 98.230; and a constable or sheriff shall receive the same fees as are allowed by law for sales upon an execution, and 50 cents a folio for making an inventory of property. [Amended by 1963 c.228 §4; 1965 c.619 §33]

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY COMPACT

98.260 Definition for ORS 98.270. As used in the Unclaimed Property Compact with reference to this state, "executive head" means the Governor. [1967 c.181 §3]

98.270 Unclaimed Property Compact. The Unclaimed Property Compact is enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions lawfully joining therein in a form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I PURPOSES

It is the purpose of this compact and of the states party hereto:

(a) To eliminate the risks and inconvenience to which holders of unclaimed property may be subject by reason of actual or possible claims thereto or to the custody thereof by more than one state.

(b) To provide a uniform and equitable set of standards for the determination of entitlement to receive, hold and dispose of unclaimed property.

(c) To provide methods whereby the party states may cooperate with each other in the discovery and taking possession of unclaimed property.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

As used in this compact, the term:

(a) "Unclaimed property" means any property which under the laws of the appropriate state is subject to delivery to that state for its use or custody by reason of its having been unclaimed or abandoned for such period as the laws of that state may provide.

(b) "Holder" means any obligor or any individual, business association, government or subdivision thereof, public corporation, public authority, estate, trust, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity having possession, custody or control of unclaimed property.

(c) "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory or possession of the United States.

ARTICLE III DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

(a) Only the state in which unclaimed real property or unclaimed tangible personal property is located shall be entitled to receive, hold and dispose of such property in accordance with its laws.

(b) In the case of unclaimed property the disposition of which is not determined by the application of paragraph (a) of this Article, and the holder of which property is subject to the jurisdiction of only one state, that state and no other shall be entitled to receive, hold and dis-

pose of such unclaimed property in accordance with its laws.

(c) In respect of all unclaimed property the disposition of which is not determined by the applications of paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Article, entitlement shall be determined as follows:

1. The state in which is located the last-known address of the person entitled to the property shall be entitled to receive, hold and dispose of the same in accordance with its laws. The last-known address shall be presumed to be that shown by the records of the holder.

2. If the identity of the person entitled is unknown; if no address for the person sufficient to meet the requirements of subparagraph 1 of this paragraph is known; or if the laws of the state of last-known address do not subject the property in question to taking, the state under whose laws the holder is incorporated (if the holder is a corporation) or organized (if the holder is an association or artificial entity other than a corporation), or the state where the holder is domiciled (if the holder is a natural person) shall be entitled to receive, hold and dispose of the same in accordance with its laws. If the holder is incorporated or organized under the laws of more than one party state, such party states shall be entitled to take equal shares of the property covered by this paragraph. In such event, each shall bear a proportionate share of the costs of the taking.

3. If the disposition of any unclaimed property is not determined by application of any preceding provision of this Article, the state in which is located the office of the holder making the largest total disbursements within its immediately preceding fiscal year shall be entitled to receive, hold and dispose of the property in accordance with its laws.

4. Whenever unclaimed property has been taken by a party state in accordance with this paragraph, within one year from the taking of such property, or within one year from the earliest time at which another party state would have been entitled to take the property in question pursuant to its unclaimed property laws, whichever date is later, any party state shall be entitled to establish the identity and last-known address of an entitled person previously thought to be unknown, or to establish a later-known address for an entitled person. Upon such establishment, and on the basis thereof a party state shall upon demand be entitled to receive the property from the state initially taking the same and to hold and dispose of it in accordance with its laws. This subparagraph shall not apply to a claim

made by a state under a statute enacted subsequent to the time when the initial state took the property.

ARTICLE IV COOPERATION

The party states pledge to each other faithful cooperation in the administration of their respective unclaimed property laws. To this end, a party state shall, upon the request of any other party state, make available to any such state any information which it may have in its possession by reason of its administration of its own unclaimed property laws, unless disclosure thereof is expressly prohibited by the laws of the party state of which the request is made. Unless the party states concerned otherwise agree, the party state making a request for information pursuant to this Article shall be entitled to receive it only by bearing such costs as may be involved in furnishing the information requested.

ARTICLE V STATE LAWS UNAFFECTED IN CERTAIN RESPECTS

Each party state may enact and continue in force any statute not in conflict with this compact and may employ the escheat, custodial, or any other principle in respect of unclaimed property.

ARTICLE VI FINALITY

Except as provided in Article III (c) 4:

1. No unclaimed property escheated or received into the custody of a party state, prior to February 1, 1965, pursuant to its laws shall be subject to the subsequent claim of any other party state, and the enactment of this compact shall constitute a waiver by the enacting state of any such claim.

2. No unclaimed property escheated or received into the custody of a party state on or after February 1, 1965, shall be subject to the subsequent claim of any other party state, and the enactment of this compact shall constitute a waiver by the enacting state of any such claim: Provided that such taking was consistent with the provisions of this compact.

ARTICLE VII EXTENT OF RIGHTS DETERMINED

The only rights determined by this compact shall be those of the party states. With respect to any nonparty state, an assertion of jurisdiction to receive, hold or dispose of any unclaimed property made by a party state shall be determined in the same manner and on the same basis as in the absence of this compact. In any situation involving multiple claims by states, both party and nonparty, the standards contained in this compact shall be used to determine entitlement only as among the party states. With respect to the claims of any nonparty state any controversy shall be determined in accordance with the law as it may be in the absence of this compact. The enactment of this compact shall not constitute a waiver of any claim by a party state as against a nonparty state.

ARTICLE VIII ENTRY INTO FORCE AND WITHDRAWAL

This compact shall enter into force and become binding as to any state when it has enacted the same into law. Any party state may withdraw from the compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until two years after the executive head of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to the executive head of each other party state. Any unclaimed property which a state shall have received, or which it shall have become entitled to receive by operation of this compact during the period when such state was party hereto shall not be affected by such withdrawal.

ARTICLE IX CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state party

thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

[1967 c.181 §1]

98.280 Agreements with other states under ORS 98.270. The Division of State Lands may enter into any agreements necessary or appropriate to cooperate with other states and for the sharing of costs pursuant to subparagraph 2 of paragraph (c) of Article III of the Unclaimed Property Compact, or for the assumption or bearing of costs pursuant to Article IV of the compact. [1967 c.181 §2]

UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT

98.302 Definitions for ORS 98.302 to 98.436. As used in ORS 98.302 to 98.436, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Administrator" means the Director of the Division of State Lands.

(2) "Apparent owner" means the person whose name appears on the records of the holder as the person entitled to property held, issued or owing by the holder.

(3) "Banking organization" means a bank, trust company, investment company, savings bank, safe deposit company or private banker.

(4) "Business association" means a nonpublic corporation, joint stock company, business trust, partnership, investment company or an association for business purposes of two or more individuals, whether or not for profit, including a banking organization, financial organization, insurance company or utility.

(5) "Domicile" means the state of incorporation of a corporation and the state of the principal place of business of an unincorporated person.

(6) "Financial organization" means a savings and loan association, building and loan association, credit union or investment company.

(7) "Holder" means a person, wherever organized or domiciled, who is in possession of property belonging to another, a trustee or indebted to another on an obligation.

(8) "Insurance company" means an association, corporation, fraternal or mutual benefit organization, whether or not for profit, which is engaged in providing insurance coverage, including accident, burial, casualty, credit life, contract performance, dental, fidelity, fire, health, hospitalization, illness, life (including endowments

and annuities), malpractice, marine, mortgage, surety and wage protection insurance.

(9) "Intangible property" includes:

(a) Credit balances, customer overpayments, gift certificates, security deposits, refunds, credit memos, unpaid wages, unused airline tickets and unidentified remittances;

(b) Stocks and other intangible ownership interests in business associations;

(c) Moneys deposited to redeem stocks, bonds, coupons, and other securities, or to make distributions;

(d) Amounts due and payable under the terms of insurance policies;

(e) Amounts distributed from a trust or custodial fund established under a plan to provide health, welfare, pension, vacation, severance, retirement, death, stock purchase, profit sharing, employe savings, supplemental unemployment insurance or similar benefits; and

(f) Moneys, checks, drafts, deposits, interest, dividends and income.

(10) "Last-known address" means a description of the location of the apparent owner sufficient for the purpose of delivery of mail.

(11) "Owner" means a depositor in case of a deposit, a beneficiary in case of a trust other than a deposit in trust, a creditor, claimant, or payee in case of other intangible property, or a person, or the person's legal representative, having a legal or equitable interest in property.

(12) "Person" means an individual, business association, state or other government or political subdivision or agency, public corporation, public authority, estate, trust, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(13) "State" means any state, district, commonwealth, territory, insular possession or any other area subject to the legislative authority of the United States.

(14) "Utility" means a person who owns or operates for public use, any plant, equipment, property, franchise or license for the transmission of communications or the production, storage, transmission, sale, delivery or furnishing of electricity, water, steam or gas.

[1957 c.670 §3; 1983 c.716 §1]

98.304 When intangible property subject to custody of state. Unless otherwise provided in ORS 98.302 to 98.436 or by other statute of this state, intangible property is subject to the custody of this state as unclaimed property if the conditions raising a presumption

of abandonment under ORS 98.342 are satisfied, and one or more of the following is true:

(1) The last-known address, as shown on the records of the holder, of the apparent owner is in this state.

(2) The records of the holder do not reflect the identity of the person entitled to the property and it is established that the last-known address of the person entitled to the property is in this state.

(3) The records of the holder do not reflect the address of the apparent owner, and one or more of the following is established:

(a) The last-known address of the person entitled to the property is in this state.

(b) The holder is a domiciliary or a government or political subdivision or agency of this state and has not previously paid or delivered the property to the state of the last-known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property.

(c) The last-known address, as shown on the records of the holder, or the apparent owner is in a state that does not provide by law for the escheat or custodial taking of the property or its escheat or unclaimed property law is not applicable to the property and the holder is a domiciliary or a government or political subdivision or agency of this state.

(4) The last-known address, as shown on the records of the holder, of the apparent owner is in a foreign nation and the holder is a domiciliary or a government or political subdivision or agency of this state.

(5) The transaction out of which the property arose occurred in this state, and either:

(a) There is no known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property; or

(b) Both of the following are true:

(A) The last-known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property is in a state that does not provide by law for the escheats or custodial taking of the property or its escheats or unclaimed property law is not applicable to the property; and

(B) The holder is a domiciliary of a state that does not provide by law for the escheat or custodial taking of the property or its escheat or unclaimed property law is not applicable to the property. [1983 c.716 §28]

98.306 [1957 c.670 §4; 1967 c.357 §1; 1973 c.797 §424; repealed by 1983 c.716 §26]

98.308 Intangible property held by banking or financial organization. (1) Any demand, savings or matured time deposit with a banking or financial organization, including a deposit that is automatically renewable, and any funds paid toward the purchase of a share, mutual investment certificate or any other interest in a banking or financial organization is presumed abandoned unless the owner, within five years has done one or more of the following:

(a) In the case of a deposit, increased or decreased its amount or presented the passbook or other similar evidence of the deposit for the crediting of interest.

(b) Communicated in writing with the banking or financial organization concerning the property.

(c) Otherwise indicated an interest in the property as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe of the banking or financial organization.

(d) Owned other property to which paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this subsection applies, and the banking or financial organization has communicated in writing with the owner with regard to the property that would otherwise be presumed abandoned under this subsection at the address to which communications regarding the other property regularly are sent.

(e) Had another relationship with the banking or financial organization concerning which the owner has:

(A) Communicated in writing with the banking or financial organization; or

(B) Otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe of the banking or financial organization, and the banking or financial organization has communicated in writing with the owner with regard to the property that would otherwise be abandoned under this subsection at the address to which communications regarding the other relationship regularly are sent.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1) of this section "property" includes interest and dividends.

(3) With respect to property described in subsection (1) of this section, a holder may not impose any charge or cease payment of interest due to dormancy or inactivity unless:

(a) There is a written contractual agreement between the holder and the owner of the account clearly and prominently setting forth the conditions under which a service charge may be imposed or the payment of interest terminated;

(b) The establishment of a service charge, the change of an existing service charge or the change of a policy pertaining to the payment of interest is uniformly applied to all dormant or inactive accounts;

(c) The holder shall give written notice to the owner at the owner's last-known address whenever an account becomes dormant or inactive; and

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 708.500, three months' written notice is given by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner of a dormant or inactive account before the holder may apply a service charge to that account or stop paying interest on that account.

(4) A signature card is not a written contractual agreement for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of this section, however, the signature card and the written contractual agreement may be contained in one instrument.

(5) Property described in subsection (1) of this section that is automatically renewable is matured for purposes of subsection (1) of this section upon the expiration of its initial time period. However, if the owner consents to a renewal at or about the time of renewal by communicating in writing with the banking or financial organization or otherwise indicating consent as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe of the organization, the property is matured upon the expiration of the last time period for which consent was given. If at the time provided for delivery in ORS 98.362, a penalty or forfeiture in the payment of interest would result from the delivery of the property, the time for delivery is extended until the time when no penalty or forfeiture would result.

(6) Except for those instruments subject to ORS 98.309, any sum payable on a check, draft or similar instrument, on which a banking or financial organization is directly liable, including a cashier's check and a certified check, which has been outstanding for more than five years after it was payable or after its issuance if payable on demand, is presumed abandoned, unless the owner, within five years, has communicated in writing with the banking or financial organization concerning it or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe thereof.

(7) A holder may not deduct from the amount of any instrument subject to subsections (6) and (7) of this section any charge imposed by reason of the failure to present the instrument for payment unless there is a valid and enforceable written contract between the holder and the

owner of the instrument pursuant to which the holder may impose a charge, and the holder regularly imposes such charges and does not regularly reverse or otherwise cancel them. [1983 c.716 §§30, 31]

98.309 When traveler's check or money order presumed abandoned. (1)

Subject to subsection (4) of this section, any sum payable on a traveler's check that has been outstanding for more than 15 years after its issuance is presumed abandoned unless the owner, within 15 years, has communicated in writing with the issuer concerning it or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe of the issuer.

(2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, any sum payable on a money order or similar written instrument, other than a third party bank check, that has been outstanding for more than seven years after its issuance is presumed abandoned unless the owner, within that seven years, has communicated in writing with the issuer concerning it or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe of the issuer.

(3) A holder may not deduct from the amount of a traveler's check or money order any charge imposed by reason of the failure to present the instrument for payment unless there is a valid and enforceable written contract between the issuer and the owner of the instrument pursuant to which the issuer may impose a charge and the issuer regularly imposes such charges and does not regularly reverse or otherwise cancel them.

(4) Other than a third party bank check, no sum payable on a traveler's check, money order or similar written instrument described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section may be subjected to the custody of this state as unclaimed property unless:

(a) The records of the issuer show that the traveler's check, money order or similar written instrument was purchased in this state;

(b) The issuer has its principal place of business in this state and the records of the issuer do not show the state in which the traveler's check, money order or similar written instrument was purchased; or

(c) The issuer has its principal place of business in this state, the records of the issuer show the state in which the traveler's check, money order or similar written instrument was purchased and the laws of the state of purchase

do not provide for the escheat or custodial taking of the property or its escheat or unclaimed property law is not applicable to the property.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of ORS 98.302 to 98.436, subsection (4) of this section applies to sums payable on traveler's checks, money orders and similar written instruments presumed abandoned on or after February 1, 1965, except to the extent that those sums have been paid over to a state prior to January 1, 1974. [1983 c.716 §29]

98.310 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.312 [1957 c.670 §5; repealed by 1983 c.716 §26]

98.314 Unclaimed funds held by insurance companies. (1) Funds held or owing under any life or endowment insurance policy or annuity contract that has matured or terminated are presumed abandoned if unclaimed for more than five years after the funds become due and payable as established from the records of the insurance company holding or owing the funds, but property described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of this section is presumed abandoned if unclaimed for more than two years.

(2) If a person other than the insured or annuitant is entitled to the funds and an address of the person is not known to the company or it is not definite and certain from the records of the company who is entitled to the funds, it is presumed that the address of the person entitled to the funds is the same as the last-known address of the insured or annuitant according to the records of the company.

(3) For purposes of ORS 98.302 to 98.436, a life or endowment insurance policy or annuity contract not matured by actual proof of the death of the insured or annuitant according to the records of the company is matured and the proceeds due and payable if:

(a) The company knows that the insured or annuitant has died; or

(b) All of the following are true:

(A) The insured has attained, or would have attained if living, the limiting age under the mortality table on which the reserve is based.

(B) The policy was in force at the time the insured attained, or would have attained, the limiting age specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

(C) Neither the insured nor any other person appearing to have an interest in the policy within the preceding two years, according to the records of the company, has assigned, readjusted or paid premiums on the policy, subjected the

policy to a loan, corresponded in writing with the company concerning the policy, or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum or other record on file prepared by an employe of the company.

(4) For purposes of ORS 98.302 to 98.436, the application of an automatic premium loan provision or other nonforfeiture provision contained in an insurance policy does not prevent a policy from being matured or terminated under subsection (1) of this section if the insured has died or the insured or the beneficiary of the policy otherwise has become entitled to the proceeds of the policy before the depletion of the cash surrender value of a policy by the application of those provisions.

(5) If the laws of this state or the terms of the life insurance policy require the company to give notice to the insured or owner that an automatic premium loan provision or other nonforfeiture provision has been exercised and the notice, given to an insured or owner whose last-known address according to the records of the company is in this state, is undeliverable, the company shall make a reasonable search to ascertain the policyholder's correct address to which the notice must be mailed.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the company learns of the death of the insured or annuitant and the beneficiary has not communicated with the insurer within four months after the death, the company shall take reasonable steps to pay the proceeds to the beneficiary.

(7) Commencing two years after August 3, 1983, every change of beneficiary form issued by an insurance company under any life or endowment insurance policy or annuity contract to an insured or owner who is a resident of this state must request the following information:

(a) The name of each beneficiary, or if a class of beneficiaries is named, the name of each current beneficiary in the class;

(b) The address of each beneficiary; and

(c) The relationship of each beneficiary to the insured. [1983 c.716 §32]

98.316 Deposits and refunds held by utilities. The following funds held or owing by any utility are presumed abandoned if unclaimed by the apparent owner for more than one year after the date of termination of services or when the funds otherwise become payable or distributable:

(1) A deposit made by a subscriber with a utility to secure payment, or a sum paid in ad-

vance for utility services, less any lawful deductions.

(2) A sum received for utility services which a utility has been ordered to refund, together with any interest thereon and less any lawful deductions. [1957 c.670 §6; 1983 c.716 §2]

98.320 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.322 Undistributed dividends and distributions of business associations. Any stock or other certificate of ownership, or any dividend, profit, distribution, interest, payment on principal, or other sum held or owing by a business association for or to a shareholder, certificate holder, member, bondholder, or other security holder, or a participating patron of a cooperative, who has not claimed it, or corresponded in writing with the business association concerning it, for more than five years after the date prescribed for payment or delivery, is presumed abandoned. [1957 c.670 §7; 1983 c.716 §3]

98.326 Property of business associations and banking or financial organizations held in the course of dissolution. All intangible personal property distributable in the course of a dissolution of a business association, banking organization or financial organization that is unclaimed by the owner for more than two years after the date for final distribution is presumed abandoned. [1957 c.670 §8; 1983 c.716 §4]

98.328 Property held in safe deposit box. Except property subject to ORS 711.582 and 711.590, all tangible and intangible property held in a safe deposit box or any other safekeeping repository in this state in the ordinary course of the holder's business, which remains unclaimed by the owner for more than five years after the lease or rental period on the box or other repository has expired, is presumed abandoned. [1983 c.716 §35]

98.330 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.332 Property held by fiduciaries.

(1) All intangible personal property and any income or increment thereon, held in a fiduciary capacity is presumed abandoned unless the owner has, within five years after it becomes payable or distributable, increased or decreased the principal, accepted payment of principal or income, corresponded in writing concerning the property, or otherwise indicated an interest as evidenced by a memorandum on file with the fiduciary.

(2) Funds in an individual retirement account or a retirement plan for self-employed individuals or a similar account or plan established under the Internal Revenue laws of the

United States are not payable or distributable within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section unless, under the terms of the account or plan, distribution of all or part of the funds would then be mandatory. [1957 c.670 §9; 1983 c.716 §5]

98.334 Unpaid wages unclaimed by owner for more than five years. Unpaid wages, including wages represented by unrepresented payroll checks, owing in the ordinary course of the holder's business which remain unclaimed by the owner for more than five years after becoming payable are presumed abandoned. [1983 c.716 §34]

98.336 Property held by state courts and public officers and agencies. All intangible personal property held for the owner by any court, public corporation, public authority, or public officer of this state, or a political subdivision of this state, that has remained unclaimed by the owner for more than five years is presumed abandoned. [1957 c.670 §10; 1983 c.716 §6]

98.338 Gift certificate or credit memo unclaimed by owner. (1) A gift certificate or a credit memo issued in the ordinary course of an issuer's business which remains unclaimed by the owner for more than five years after becoming payable or distributable is presumed abandoned.

(2) In the case of a gift certificate, the amount presumed abandoned is the price paid by the purchaser for the gift certificate. In the case of a credit memo, the amount presumed abandoned is the amount credited to the recipient of the memo. [1983 c.716 §33]

98.340 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.342 Miscellaneous personal property held for another person. (1) All intangible personal property, not otherwise covered by ORS 98.302 to 98.436, including any income or increment thereon and deducting any lawful charges, that is held or owing in the ordinary course of the holder's business and has remained unclaimed by the owner for more than five years after it became payable or distributable is presumed abandoned.

(2) Property is payable or distributable for the purpose of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 notwithstanding the owner's failure to make demand or to present any instrument or document required to receive payment. [1957 c.670 §11; 1983 c.716 §7]

98.346 Reciprocity for property presumed abandoned or escheated under the laws of another state. Specific property

described in ORS 98.308 to 98.314, 98.322 to 98.334, 98.338 or 98.342 which is held for or owed or distributable to an owner whose last-known address is in another state by a holder who is subject to the jurisdiction of that state is not presumed abandoned in this state and subject to ORS 98.302 to 98.436 if:

(1) It may be claimed as abandoned or escheated under the laws of the other state; and

(2) The laws of the other state make reciprocal provision that similar specific property is not presumed abandoned or escheatable by the other state when held for or owed or distributable to an owner whose last-known address is within this state by a holder who is subject to the jurisdiction of this state. [1957 c.670 §12; 1983 c.716 §8]

98.348 Recovery of abandoned property by another state; form of claim; indemnification of this state. (1) At any time after property has been paid or delivered to the administrator under ORS 98.362, another state may recover the property if one or more of the following is true:

(a) The property was subjected to custody by this state because the records of the holder did not reflect the last-known address of the apparent owner when the property was presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436; and the other state establishes that the last-known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property was in that state and under the laws of that state the property escheated to or was subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.

(b) The last-known address of the apparent owner or other person entitled to the property, as reflected by the records of the holder, is in the other state and under the laws of that state the property has escheated to or become subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.

(c) The records of the holder were erroneous in that they did not accurately reflect the owner of the property and the last-known address of the owner is in the other state and under the laws of that state the property escheated to or was subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.

(d) The property was subjected to custody by this state and under the laws of the state of domicile of the holder the property has escheated to or become subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.

(e) The property is the sum payable on a traveler's check, money order or other similar instrument that was subjected to custody by this state under ORS 98.309, and the instrument was

purchased in the other state and under the laws of that state the property escheated to or became subject to a claim of abandonment by that state.

(2) The claim of another state to recover escheated or abandoned property must be presented in a form prescribed by the administrator, who shall decide the claim within 90 days after it is presented.

(3) The administrator shall require a state, before recovering property under this section, to agree to indemnify this state and its officers and employes against any liability on a claim for the property. [1983 c.716 §36]

98.350 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.352 Report of abandoned property. (1) Every person holding funds or other property, tangible or intangible, presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 shall report to the administrator with respect to the property as hereinafter provided.

(2) The report shall be verified and shall include:

(a) Except with respect to traveler's checks and money orders, the name, if known, and address, if known, of each person appearing from the records of the holder to be the owner of any property of value of \$25 or more presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436;

(b) In case of unclaimed funds of life insurance corporations, the full name of the insured or annuitant and last-known address according to the life insurance corporation's records;

(c) The nature and identifying number, if any, or description of the property and the amount appearing from the records to be due, except that items of value under \$25 each may be reported in aggregate;

(d) The date when the property became payable, demandable, or returnable, and the date of the last transaction with the owner with respect to the property; and

(e) Other information which the administrator prescribes by rule as necessary for the administration of ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

(3) If the person holding property presumed abandoned is a successor to other persons who previously held the property for the owner, or if the holder has had a name change while holding the property, the holder shall file with the report all prior known names and addresses of each holder of the property.

(4) The report shall be filed before November 1 of each year as of June 30 next preceding, but the report of life insurance corporations shall be filed before May 1 of each year as of Decem-

ber 31 next preceding. The administrator may postpone the reporting date upon written request by any person required to file a report.

(5) If the holder of property presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436 knows the whereabouts of the owner and if the owner's claim has not been barred by the statute of limitations, the holder shall, before filing the annual report, communicate with the owner and take necessary steps to prevent abandonment from being presumed. The holder shall exercise due diligence to ascertain the whereabouts of the owner.

(6) Verification, if made by a partnership, shall be executed by a partner; if made by an unincorporated association or private corporation, by an officer; and if made by a public corporation, by its chief fiscal officer. [1957 c.670 §13; 1967 c.357 §2; 1981 c.475 §4; 1983 c.716 §9]

98.354 Records of ownership or issuance of instruments to be maintained.

(1) Every holder required to file a report under ORS 98.352 as to any property for which the holder has obtained an address of the owner, shall maintain a record of the name and last-known address of the owner and such signature cards and other evidence which would assist in the identification of the owner for seven years after the property becomes reportable, unless a shorter time is provided in subsection (2) of this section or by rule of the administrator.

(2) Any business association that sells in this state traveler's checks, money orders or other similar written instruments, other than third party bank checks on which the business association is directly liable, or that provides such instruments to others for sale in this state, shall maintain a record of those instruments while they remain outstanding, indicating the state and date of issue, for three years after the date the property is reportable. [1983 c.716 §38]

98.356 Notice and publication of lists of abandoned property.

(1) Within 120 days from the filing of the report required by ORS 98.352, the administrator shall cause notice to be published at least once each week for two successive weeks in an English language newspaper of general circulation in the county in this state in which is located the last-known address of the apparent owner. If no address is listed or if the address is outside this state, the notice shall be published in the county in which the holder of the abandoned property has the principal place of business within this state.

(2) The published notice shall be entitled "Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to Be

Owners of Abandoned Property," and shall contain:

(a) The names in alphabetical order and addresses, if known, of persons listed in the report and entitled to notice within the county.

(b) A statement that information concerning the amount or description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be obtained by any persons possessing a legal or equitable interest in the property by addressing an inquiry to the administrator.

(c) A statement that if proof of claim is not presented by the owner to the holder and if the owner's right to receive the property is not established to the holder's satisfaction within 65 days from the date of the second published notice, the abandoned property will be placed not later than 85 days after such publication date in the custody of the administrator to whom all further claims must be directed.

(3) The administrator is not required to publish in such notice any item of less than \$50 unless the administrator deems such publication to be in the public interest.

(4) Within 120 days from the receipt of the report required by ORS 98.352, the administrator shall mail a notice to each person having an address listed in the report who appears to be entitled to property of the value of \$50 or more presumed abandoned under ORS 98.302 to 98.436.

(5) The mailed notices shall contain:

(a) A statement that, according to a report filed with the administrator, property is being held to which the addressee appears entitled.

(b) The name and address of the person holding the property and any necessary information regarding changes of name and address of the holder.

(c) A statement that, if satisfactory proof of claim is not presented by the owner to the holder by the date specified in the published notice, the property will be placed in the custody of the administrator to whom all further claims must be directed.

(6) This section is not applicable to sums payable on traveler's checks or money orders presumed abandoned under ORS 98.309 [1957 c.670 §14; 1967 c.357 §3; 1983 c.716 §10]

98.360 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.362 Payment or delivery of abandoned property. Every person who has filed a report as provided by ORS 98.352 shall within 20 days after the time specified in ORS 98.356 for

claiming the property from the holder, or in the case of sums payable on traveler's checks or money orders presumed abandoned under ORS 98.309 within 20 days after the filing of the report, pay or deliver to the administrator all abandoned property specified in the report, except that, if the owner establishes the right of the owner to receive the abandoned property to the satisfaction of the holder within the time specified in ORS 98.356, or in the case of sums payable on traveler's checks or money orders presumed abandoned under ORS 98.309 within 20 days after the filing of the report, or if it appears that for some other reason the presumption of abandonment is erroneous, the holder need not pay or deliver the property, which will no longer be presumed abandoned, to the administrator, but in lieu thereof shall file a verified written explanation of the proof of claim or of the error in the presumption of abandonment. [1957 c.670 §15; 1967 c.357 §4; 1983 c.716 §11]

98.366 Relief from liability by payment or delivery. (1) Upon the payment or delivery of abandoned property to the administrator, the state shall assume custody and shall be responsible for the safekeeping thereof. Any person who pays or delivers abandoned property to the administrator under ORS 98.362 is relieved of all liability to the extent of the value of the property so paid or delivered for any claim which then exists or which thereafter may arise or be made in respect to the property.

(2) A holder who has paid money to the administrator under ORS 98.362 may make payment to any person appearing to the holder to be entitled to payment, if the reimbursement is sought for a payment made on a negotiable instrument, including a traveler's check or money order. The administrator shall reimburse the holder within 60 days of receiving proof that the instrument was duly presented and that payment was made to a person who appeared to the holder to be entitled to payment. The administrator shall reimburse the holder for the payment without imposing any fee or other charge. [1957 c.670 §16; 1983 c.716 §12]

98.370 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.372 Income accruing after payment or delivery. The owner is not entitled to receive income or other increments which have accrued on the property after the property is paid or delivered to the administrator under ORS 98.362. [1957 c.670 §17; 1983 c.716 §13]

98.376 Periods of limitation not a bar. The expiration of any period of time specified by statute or court order, during which an

action, suit or proceeding may be commenced or enforced to obtain payment of a claim for money or recovery of property, shall not prevent the money or property from being presumed abandoned property, nor affect any duty to file a report required by ORS 98.352 or to pay or deliver abandoned property to the administrator, provided that this section shall not affect any property interests which became vested prior to August 20, 1957. [1957 c.670 §18; 1983 c.716 §14]

98.380 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.382 Sale of abandoned property.

(1) All abandoned property other than money and securities delivered to the administrator under ORS 98.362 shall be sold by the administrator to the highest bidder at public sale in whatever city in the state affords in the administrator's judgment the most favorable market for the property involved. The administrator may decline the highest bid and reoffer the property for sale if the administrator considers the price bid insufficient. The administrator need not offer any property for sale if, in the administrator's opinion, the probable cost of sale exceeds the value of the property.

(2) A sale held under subsection (1) of this section shall be preceded by a single publication of notice of the sale at least three weeks in advance of sale in an English language newspaper of general circulation in the county where the property is to be sold.

(3) Securities listed on an established stock exchange shall be sold on the exchange at prices prevailing on the exchange at the time of sale. Other securities may be sold over the counter at prices prevailing at the time of sale or by any other method the administrator considers advisable.

(4) Unless the administrator considers it to be in the best interest of the state to do otherwise, all securities delivered to the administrator, except those presumed abandoned under ORS 98.322, shall be held for at least one year before being sold.

(5) Unless the administrator considers it to be in the best interest of the state to do otherwise, all securities presumed abandoned under ORS 98.322 and delivered to the administrator shall be held for at least three years before being sold.

(6) The purchaser at a sale conducted by the administrator pursuant to this section shall receive title to the property purchased, free from all claims of the owner or prior holder of the property and of all persons claiming through or under them. The administrator shall execute all

documents necessary to complete the transfer of title. [1957 c.670 §19; 1983 c.716 §15]

98.384 Destruction or disposition of abandoned property. If the administrator determines after investigation that any property delivered under ORS 98.362 has insubstantial commercial value, the administrator may destroy or otherwise dispose of the property at any time. No action or proceeding may be maintained against the state or any officer or against the holder for or on account of any action taken by the administrator pursuant to this section. [1983 c.716 §37]

98.386 Deposit of funds. (1) All funds received under ORS 98.302 to 98.436, including the proceeds from the sale of abandoned property under ORS 98.382, shall be deposited by the administrator in the Common School Fund Account with the State Treasurer. Before making the deposit the administrator shall record the name and last-known address of each person appearing from the holders' reports to be entitled to the abandoned property and the name and last-known address of each insured person or annuitant, and with respect to each policy or contract listed in the report of a life insurance corporation, its number, the name of the corporation, and the amount due.

(2) Before making a deposit to the credit of the Common School Fund Account, the administrator may deduct:

(a) Any costs in connection with sale of abandoned property;

(b) Any costs of mailing and publication in connection with abandoned property; and

(c) Reasonable service charges. [1957 c.670 §20; 1983 c.716 §16]

98.388 Abandoned Property Revolving Fund. There is created from abandoned property funds an Abandoned Property Revolving Fund. The moneys in the fund are appropriated continuously to the administrator for the purpose of repaying claims as provided under ORS 98.396. [1969 c.594 §66; 1983 c.716 §17]

98.390 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.392 Claim for abandoned property delivered to administrator; time for claim; escheat of unclaimed property. (1) A person claiming an interest in abandoned property delivered to the administrator may file a claim to the property or to the proceeds from the sale of the property within 25 years from the date of receipt of the property by the administrator. Claims shall be filed on the form prescribed by the administrator.

(2) Abandoned property delivered to the administrator which has been held by the administrator in excess of 25 years shall escheat to the state. [1957 c.670 §21; 1977 c.609 §1; 1983 c.716 §18]

98.396 Determination of claim. (1) The administrator shall consider any claim filed under ORS 98.392 and may hold a hearing and receive evidence concerning the claim. If a hearing is held, the administrator shall prepare findings and a decision in writing on each claim filed, stating the substance of any evidence heard by the administrator and the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be a public record.

(2) If the claim is allowed, the administrator shall return the property or make payment of the proceeds of the sale of the property to the claimant. [1957 c.670 §22; 1983 c.716 §19]

98.400 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.402 Judicial action on determination. A person aggrieved by a decision of the administrator or as to whose claim the administrator has failed to act within 90 days after the filing of the claim, may commence an action in an appropriate court to establish a claim. The proceeding shall be brought within 60 days after the decision of the administrator or within 180 days from the filing of the claim if the administrator fails to act. The action shall be tried de novo without a jury. [1957 c.670 §23; 1983 c.716 §20]

98.406 Election to take payment or delivery. The administrator, after receiving reports of property deemed abandoned pursuant to ORS 98.302 to 98.436, may decline to receive any property reported which the administrator deems to have a value less than the cost of giving notice and holding sale, or the administrator may, if the administrator deems it desirable because of the small sum involved, postpone taking possession until a sufficient sum accumulates. Unless the holder of the property is notified to the contrary within 120 days after filing the report required under ORS 98.352, the administrator shall be deemed to have elected to receive the custody of the property. [1957 c.670 §24; 1983 c.716 §21]

98.410 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.412 Records and reports. (1) The administrator may require a person who has not filed a report to file a verified report stating whether or not the person is holding any unclaimed property reportable under ORS 98.352 or deliverable under ORS 98.362.

(2) The administrator may at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice examine the

records of any person if the person has failed to report property that should have been reported pursuant to ORS 98.352.

(3) If a holder fails after August 3, 1983, to maintain the records required by ORS 98.354 and the records of the holder available for the periods subject to ORS 98.302 to 98.436 are insufficient to permit the preparation of a report, the administrator may require the holder to report and pay the amounts which the administrator reasonably estimates from the report and available records. [1957 c.670 §25; 1983 c.716 §22]

98.416 Proceeding to compel delivery of abandoned property. If any person refuses to deliver property to the administrator as required under ORS 98.362, the administrator shall bring a suit or action in a court of appropriate jurisdiction to enforce delivery of the property. [1957 c.670 §26; 1983 c.716 §23]

98.418 Certain agreements to pay for recovery of abandoned property unenforceable. All agreements to pay compensation to recover or assist in the recovery of property reported under ORS 98.352 made within 24 months after the date payment or delivery is made under ORS 98.362 are unenforceable. [1983 c.716 §40]

98.420 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.422 Rules. The administrator is authorized to adopt necessary rules to carry out the provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436. [1957 c.670 §27; 1983 c.716 §25]

98.424 Agreements with other states; exchange of information; Attorney General may bring action in name of other state. (1) The administrator may enter into agreements with other states to exchange information needed to enable this or another state to audit or otherwise determine unclaimed property that this state or another state may be entitled to subject to a claim of custody under ORS 98.348. The administrator may adopt rules requiring the other states to report information needed to enable compliance with agreements made pursuant to this section and prescribing the form for making a claim of custody under ORS 98.348.

(2) To avoid conflicts between the administrator's procedures and the procedures of administrators in other jurisdictions that enact an unclaimed property act, the administrator, so far as is consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of ORS 98.302 to 98.436, before adopting, amending or repealing rules, shall advise and consult with administrators in other

jurisdictions that enact a substantially similar unclaimed property act and take into consideration the rules of administrators in other jurisdictions that enact an unclaimed property act.

(3) The administrator may join with other states to seek enforcement of ORS 98.302 to 98.436 against any person who is or may be holding property reportable under ORS 98.352.

(4) At the request of another state, the Attorney General of this state may bring an action in the name of another state or any other person may bring an action in the name of the administrator in the other state. This state shall pay all expenses including attorney fees in any action under this subsection. Expenses paid pursuant to this subsection may not be deducted from the amount that is subject to the claim by the owner under ORS 98.302 to 98.436. [1983 c.716 §39]

98.426 Effect of actions taken prior to August 20, 1957. (1) ORS 98.302 to 98.436 shall not apply to any property that has been presumed abandoned or escheated under the laws of another state prior to August 20, 1957.

(2) The provisions (as compiled in the 1953 part) of ORS 98.310 to 98.380, 98.410, 98.710 and 98.990 shall remain in effect with regard to property in the hands of any holder or custodian which should have been reported or accounted under said repealed sections prior to August 20, 1957. [1957 c.670 §§28, 35; 1983 c.716 §25]

98.430 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.432 Uniformity of interpretation. This Act shall be so construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. [1957 c.670 §2]

Note: No substitution of specific ORS section numbers for the words "this Act" has been made in the above section or in the other sections of chapter 670, Oregon Laws 1957. Chapter 670, Oregon Laws 1957, consists of new sections which are compiled as 98.302 to 98.436 and 98.991 and amendments to the following previously existing ORS sections: 57.625, 98.210, 327.405, 699.050 and 711.225.

98.436 Short title. This Act may be cited as the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act. [1957 c.670 §1]

Note: See note for 98.432.

98.440 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

UNORDERED GOODS

98.450 Unordered goods presumed gifts. (1) If a person mails or sends goods, newspapers or periodicals of a value of less than \$20 to a person in this state without first receiving an order for such items, the items are conclusively presumed to be a gift and no obligation shall accrue against the recipient.

(2) If a person deliberately and intentionally mails or sends goods, newspapers, or periodicals of a value in excess of \$20 to a person in this state without first receiving an order for such items, the items are presumed to be a gift. [1969 c.354 §1]

MOLDS AND FORMS

98.470 Definitions for ORS 98.470 to 98.490. As used in ORS 98.470 to 98.490, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Customer" means any person who causes a molder to:

(a) Fabricate, cast or otherwise make a mold; or

(b) Use a mold to manufacture, assemble or otherwise make any product.

(2) "Mold" includes any die, mold or form used to manufacture, assemble or otherwise make any product.

(3) "Molder" means any person including, but not limited to a tool or die maker, who:

(a) Fabricates, casts or otherwise makes a mold; or

(b) Uses a mold to manufacture, assemble or otherwise make any product. [1981 c.333 §1]

98.475 Molder may take title to unclaimed mold. If a customer fails to take possession of any mold within three years after the date on which the customer last caused the molder to use the mold, the molder may take all rights, title and interest in the mold pursuant to ORS 98.480. [1981 c.333 §2]

98.480 Notice to customer; contents.

(1) If a molder chooses to take all rights, title and interest in any mold, the molder shall mail to the customer, at the customer's last-known address, a notice. The molder shall send the notice by registered mail, return receipt requested.

(2) The notice required by subsection (1) of this section shall state that the molder intends to terminate all of the customer's rights, title and interest in the mold unless the customer:

(a) Responds within 120 days from the date the notice was mailed; and

(b) Arranges with the molder that the customer shall take possession of the mold or that the molder shall store the mold for the customer.

[1981 c.333 §3]

98.485 Duty to make mold unusable when title not taken. If a molder does not choose to exercise the rights provided under ORS 98.475, the molder shall render the mold unusable as a mold and destroy or otherwise dispose of the mold. [1981 c.333 §4]

98.490 Effect of written agreement between molder and customer. ORS 98.470 to 98.490 applies except as otherwise provided by written agreement between any molder and the molder's customer. [1981 c.333 §5]

98.510 [Repealed by 1969 c.354 §2]

REMOVAL OF TREES OR LOGS FROM ANOTHER'S LAND, COUNTY ROADS OR STATE HIGHWAYS

98.610 Recovery of any part of tree from private property lost from a railroad or motor vehicle. Any person may enter upon private property where any part of a fallen tree belonging to or under the control of the person has been lost from a railroad or motor vehicle, for the purpose of recovering and reclaiming the same. Before entering the land he shall post a bond with the Public Utility Commissioner, to be approved by the commissioner, in such sum as the commissioner may provide. The bond shall run to the Public Utility Commissioner to insure to any landowner the payment of any damage resulting from removal or reclaiming of such property. The owner of the land shall be compensated for any damages resulting from the removal or for damage to his property caused by any part of a felled tree falling from motor vehicles or railroads.

98.620 Effect of failure to remove logs. (1) If any person fails to remove and reclaim logs, timber or any part of a fallen tree within one year after it is lost upon private property, as provided in ORS 98.610, it is deemed abandoned, and the title thereto vests in the person entitled to the possession of the land upon which the same is found.

(2) If any part of a felled tree which falls from a log truck or railroad is not removed from the land within seven days after written notice from the owner of the land to remove the same,

title to that part of the felled tree is forfeited and shall vest in the owner of the land.

98.630 Landowner's rights following removal of logs. The Public Utility Commissioner has the power, upon application of any landowner mentioned in ORS 98.610 to determine the damages mentioned in ORS 98.610 resulting to the landowner and require the payment thereof. In lieu of such application for award of damages, the landowner may pursue an action at law for such damages or sue on the bond provided for in ORS 98.610 in the circuit court of the county in which the land is situated.

[Amended by 1957 c.459 §2]

98.640 Owner's duty to remove trees, logs, poles or piling deposited on state highways. (1) No person shall place or deposit any trees, timber, logs, poles or piling upon the right of way of any state highway or upon any real property adjacent thereto which is owned by the state, by and through its Department of Transportation, except with permission of any duly authorized weighmaster or peace officer given in connection with the removal of portions of loads, which removal is pursuant to ORS 483.534.

(2) Any trees, timber, logs, poles or piling so placed or deposited whether pursuant to said permission of a weighmaster or peace officer or accidentally or in violation of this section, or which have fallen, dropped or been blown upon said right of way or said adjacent property, shall be removed by the owner thereof within a period of not more than 30 days. [1953 c.312 §1]

98.642 Effect of failure to remove trees, logs, poles or piling. Any trees, timber, logs, poles or piling which remain for a period of more than 30 days upon the right of way of any state highway or upon real property adjacent thereto which is owned by the state, by and through its Department of Transportation, shall be conclusively presumed abandoned, and title thereto shall vest in the state, by and through its Department of Transportation, and the department is hereby authorized to remove, destroy, sell or otherwise dispose of the same.

[1953 c.312 §2]

98.644 ORS 98.640 and 98.642 inapplicable to certain trees, logs, poles or piling. The provisions of ORS 98.640 and 98.642 shall not apply to trees, timber, logs, poles or piling which have been placed or deposited or allowed to remain upon the right of way of a state highway or real property adjacent thereto under the provisions of a permit granted by the Department of Transportation, nor to poles

erected upon the right of way of a state highway for the purpose of carrying telegraph, telephone or electric lines or wires. [1953 c.312 §3]

98.650 Owner's duty to remove trees, logs, poles or piling deposited on county roads. (1) No person shall place or deposit any trees, timber, logs, poles or piling upon the right of way of any county road, except with permission of any duly authorized weighmaster or peace officer given in connection with the removal of portions of loads, which removal is pursuant to ORS 483.534.

(2) Any trees, timber, logs, poles or piling so placed or deposited, accidentally or in violation of this section, or which have fallen, dropped or been blown upon said right of way, shall be removed by the owner thereof within a period of not more than 30 days. [1953 c.339 §1]

98.652 Effect of failure to remove trees, logs, poles or piling. Any trees, timber, logs, poles or piling which remain for a period of more than 30 days upon the right of way of any county road shall be conclusively presumed abandoned, and title thereto shall vest in the county having jurisdiction over such county road, and the county court or board of county commissioners of said county may remove, destroy, sell or otherwise dispose of the same. [1953 c.339 §2]

98.654 ORS 98.650 and 98.652 inapplicable to certain trees, logs, poles or piling and to certain county roads. The provisions of ORS 98.650 and 98.652 shall not apply to trees, timber, logs, poles or piling which have been placed or deposited or allowed to remain upon the right of way of a county road under the provisions of a permit granted by the county court or board of county commissioners having jurisdiction over said county road, nor to poles placed upon the right of way of a county road under authority of ORS 758.010 or 758.020, nor to any county road which is not maintained for public travel by the county court or board of county commissioners of the county in which the road is located. [1953 c.339 §3]

98.710 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

DISPOSITION OF UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLES

98.805 Definitions for ORS 98.810 to 98.818. As used in ORS 98.810 to 98.818:

(1) "Owner of a parking facility" means:

(a) The owner, lessee or person in lawful

possession of a private parking facility; or

(b) Any officer or agency of this state with authority to control or operate a parking facility.

(2) "Owner of proscribed property" means the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of proscribed property.

(3) "Parking facility" means any property used for motor vehicle parking.

(4) "Proscribed property" means any part of private property:

(a) Where parking is not normally permitted at all; or

(b) That is used primarily for residences, including but not limited to houses and apartments, where there is designated parking for not more than 10 vehicles. [1979 c.100 §2; 1981 c.861 §23; 1983 c.436 §2]

98.810 Unauthorized parking of vehicle at proscribed property prohibited. No person, without the permission of:

(1) The owner of a parking facility, shall leave or park any vehicle on the parking facility if there is a sign displayed in plain view at the parking facility prohibiting public parking thereon or restricting parking thereon.

(2) The owner of proscribed property, shall leave or park any vehicle on the proscribed property whether or not there is a sign prohibiting or restricting parking on the proscribed property. [1953 c.575 §1; 1979 c.100 §3; 1981 c.861 §24; 1983 c.436 §3]

98.812 Storage of unlawfully parked vehicle; lien for storage charges; notice requirements. (1) If a motor vehicle has been left or parked in violation of ORS 98.810, the owner of the parking facility or the owner of the proscribed property, after notice to the local law enforcement agency, may have the motor vehicle towed from the parking facility or the proscribed property and placed in storage at a public garage or public parking lot.

(2) The garagekeeper or public parking operator is entitled to a lien on the vehicle and its contents for the garagekeeper's or operator's just and reasonable charges and may retain possession thereof until the just and reasonable

charges for the towage, care and storage of the vehicle have been paid if the garagekeeper or public parking operator:

(a) Notifies the local law enforcement agency of the location of the vehicle within one hour after the vehicle is placed in storage; and

(b) Unless the vehicle is claimed, gives notice, within 10 days after the vehicle is placed in storage, to the vehicle owner or any other person with an interest in the vehicle, as indicated by the certificate of title. If notice under this paragraph is given by mail, it must be mailed within the 10-day period, but need not be received within that period.

(3) The lien created by subsection (2) of this section may be foreclosed only in the manner provided by ORS 87.172 (3) and 87.176 to 87.206 for foreclosure of liens arising or claimed under ORS 87.152. [1953 c.575 §2; 1977 c.634 §1; 1979 c.100 §4; 1981 c.861 §25; 1983 c.436 §4]

98.814[1953 c.575 §4; 1965 c.343 §21; repealed by 1983 c.436 §15]

98.816 [1953 c.575 §5; 1965 c.343 §22; repealed by 1983 c.436 §15]

98.818 Preference of lien. The lien created by ORS 98.812 shall have preference over any and all other liens or encumbrances upon such motor vehicle. [1953 c.575 §3]

PENALTIES

98.990 [Repealed by 1957 c.670 §37]

98.991 Penalties. (1) Any person who wilfully fails to render any report or perform other duties required under this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) Any person who wilfully refuses to pay or deliver abandoned property to the Division of State Lands as required under this Act is guilty of a misdemeanor. [1957 c.670 §36]

Note: See note for 98.432.

