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TITLE 22. CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND PENALTIES  
SUBTITLE I. CRIMINAL OFFENSES  
CHAPTER 27. PROSTITUTION; PANDERING

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*D.C. Code § 22-2723 (2006)*

§ 22-2723. Property subject to seizure and forfeiture

(a) The following are subject to forfeiture:

(1) All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate a violation of this act, provided that:

(A) No conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the course of transacting business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this act;

(B) No conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this section by reason of any act or omission that the owner establishes was committed or omitted without the owner's knowledge or consent;

(C) A forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if the secured party neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission; or

(D) Where the conveyance is not being driven by the owner of the conveyance, there is a presumption that the owner is without knowledge of the illegal act, and therefore the conveyance should not be forfeited.

(2) All money, coins, and currency which has been used, or was intended for use, in violation of this act.

(a-1) (1) A lien in favor of the District of Columbia is hereby created in an amount equal to the costs of towing, storing, and administrative processing of a conveyance seized and subject to forfeiture pursuant to this act.

(2) The Mayor, or his or her designee, shall establish a reasonable cost for the towing, storing, and administrative processing of seized conveyances.

(3) The Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, or his or her designee, may agree to release a lien by stipulation with the registered owner or lienholder of a seized conveyance.

(b) All seizures and forfeitures of property under this section shall be pursuant to § 48-905.02, except that seized money, coins, and currency shall be deposited as provided in subchapter IIA of Chapter 5 of Title 23 of the District of Columbia Code.

**HISTORY:** 1981 Ed., § 22-2723; Aug. 15, 1935, 49 Stat. 651, ch. 546, § 5, as added May 7, 1993, D.C. Law 9-267, § 2, 39 DCR 5684; May 24, 1996, D.C. Law 11-130, § 3(c), 43 DCR 1570; Oct. 4, 2000, D.C. Law 13-160, § 403(a), 47 DCR 4619.