

participate in the activities described in this section. The County Commissioners may charge a reasonable fee for the issuance of the permit.

281.

(b) The following persons shall not be required to register and in addition to the aforementioned registrants while acting in the course of their business or profession may lawfully possess controlled dangerous substances under the provisions of this subheading:

(3) An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled dangerous substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner, while acting in good faith and in the ordinary course of business or professional practice[;].

(f) The Department shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled dangerous substances included in Schedules I through V unless the Department determines that the issuance of such registration is inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the following factors shall be considered:

(3) Prior conviction record of applicant under federal, State, and local laws relating to the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of such substances[.];

297.

(a) The following shall be subject to forfeiture and no property right shall exist in them:

(2) All raw materials, products and equipment of any kind which are used, or intended for use, in manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivering, importing, or exporting any controlled dangerous substance in violation of the provisions of this subheading[.];

(d) [Except as provided under subsection (r) of this section, whenever] WHENEVER property is forfeited under this subheading, the political subdivision in which such property was seized, or, if the property was seized by State authorities, the State may:

(1) Retain the property for official use (except, whenever coin, currency, or property is seized by the Baltimore City police, and forfeited under this subheading, it shall be surrendered to the City of Baltimore for disposition according to this section);

(2) Sell any forfeited property which is not required to be destroyed by law and which is not harmful to the public, provided that the proceeds be disposed of for payment of all proper expenses of the proceedings for forfeiture and sale