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The Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was established by Chapter 207, Acts of 1910. The Commissioner, who is a career employee, serves as the Director of the Department.

The Department issues all drivers' licenses in the State, and applicants are required to pass an eye test, written examination of the Motor Vehicle Laws of Maryland, and a driving test. These examinations are conducted in Glen Burnie and in twenty-three other cities and towns throughout the State. All operators' licenses must be renewed every two years according to the holder's birthmonth, in the "odd" year, if born in an "odd" year, or in the "even" year, if born in an "even" year. The Department titles and registers motor vehicles. It must issue a title prior to issuing license plates. The Department collects an excise tax of two per cent of the fair value of the vehicle for each title issued. All commercial vehicles operating for hire within the State must file with the Department a certificate of Financial Responsibility Insurance in the amounts of \$15,000, \$30,000 personal injury and \$5,000 property damage or pay a fee into the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund prior to receiving registration plates. All owners of commercial vehicles operating for hire within the State and all taxicabs not operating under permit of the Public Service Commission must file with the Department a certificate of Financial Responsibility Insurance in the amounts of \$25,000, \$50,000 personal injury and \$10,000 property damage and obtain a gratis permit to be carried with the vehicle at all times. All persons involved in accidents resulting in personal injuries or any property damage in excess of \$150.00 must file a report with the Department and comply with the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Law. All persons who fail to pay judgments in excess of \$25.00 are subject to the Financial Responsibility Law.

The Department maintains a record of each individual driver who has been convicted of violating the motor vehicle laws. It conducts hearings to determine whether or not the driver's license should be suspended or revoked as a result of a motor vehicle conviction. In the case of habitual violators, persons under the age of twenty-one years convicted of minor violations, and persons whose licenses were previously revoked, the Department may require their attendance at DMV Driver Rehabilitation Clinics. If the individual is proved physically or mentally unfit to drive, his case comes before the Department's Medical Advisory Board for final decision. He may appeal to the Courts from the decision of the Commissioner, except in those cases where the revocation is mandatory. On January 1, 1961, the Point System went into effect, and in 1965, the Legislature revised the motor vehicle inspection laws of Maryland providing for the inspection of used cars prior to sale. On June 1, 1965, Maryland joined thirty-three sister States and the District of Columbia in the Vehicle Equipment Safety Compact.

All fees collected for the registration and titling of motor vehicles and all fines collected are deposited by the Department to the credit of the Motor Vehicles Revenue Fund (Code 1957, Art. 66½, secs. 4-6, 10, 22-29, 90, 116-35, 341; 1965 Supp., Art. 66½, secs. 8, 86A, 114A, 118-123). In 1964 these fees amounted to \$54,539,243.41.

Appropriations	1965	1966
Special Funds	\$6,159,199	\$6,709,973
Staff: 870.		