

business. The term "chauffeur" shall be taken to include every person operating a motor vehicle for hire, or as an employee of the owner thereof. The terms, "highway," "roads," "public highway," or "public roads" shall include any highway or thoroughfare of any kind used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have authority, in disputed cases, to determine the extent of the applicability of the definitions herein contained.

See notes to section 146.

Public Vehicles Exempted.

1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 135.

135. All motor vehicles owned and used by the State or any city, town, village or county of this State are hereby exempted from the provisions of this sub-title requiring the payment of registration fees, but all such vehicles shall display identification markers approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

See notes to section 146.

PART II.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles---Appointment of

1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 136.

136. There shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, one sober and discreet person who shall have been a registered voter in the State of Maryland for three consecutive years next preceding the date of his appointment, and who shall be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles," and shall devote his time to the duties of such office. Said Commissioner shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency as in the case of other civil officers. Said Commissioner shall be appointed for two years, and the term of his office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), per annum, payable monthly. He shall be required to give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or such additional sum as the Governor may require, for the faithful performance of his duties. The Commissioner shall appoint such assistants and at such salaries as he may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor. He shall maintain an office in the City of Baltimore, open daily, excepting Sundays and holidays, during such hours as the Governor may prescribe. He shall file with the Governor, on the last day of April in each and every year, an account of the receipts and disbursements of his office as provided for in this sub-title. The salaries of said Com-