

State of Maryland or in Baltimore City in which said railroad has an office or place of business.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1914.

CHAPTER 668.

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1912, title "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission," to follow immediately after Section 435, to be known as Section 435-A.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new Section be added to Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, 1912, title "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission," to follow immediately after Section 435, to be known as Section 435-A, to read as follows:

435-A. Whenever the commission shall be of the opinion, after a hearing, upon its own motion or upon a complaint made, as provided in this sub-title, that it would be reasonably advisable and proper to require common carriers to give receipts for containers of dairy products or of other property or goods received for transportation within this State, whenever said containers are intended to be returned; the commission shall determine the form of said receipt and the proper regulations in respect to the issuing of the same, and the return of said containers, subject to the provisions of this Section, and shall so fix and prescribe the same by order to be served upon every common carrier or other person or corporation to be bound thereby; and thereafter it shall be the duty of every such common carrier, or other person or corporation, to observe and obey each and every requirement of every such order so served upon it; and upon the day that any such order shall become operative and effective, the following provisions of this Section shall become operative and effective and shall remain so as long and for such time as any such order of the commission is in effect.

Any common carrier issuing a receipt for a container, as described herein, shall be liable to the lawful holder thereof for any loss, damage or injury to such container caused by it or by any other person, firm or corporation to whom such container may be delivered, and no contract, receipt, rule or regu-