

subject and have repealed the provisions in said Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ inconsistent with said local laws, this doubt having arisen in connection with the construction of Chapter 941, of the Acts of 1945, relating to taxicabs in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, it was not the legislative intent to declare it to be the State policy to regulate taxicabs by a general State-wide law as shown by the fact that there were no provisions in said Article relating to taxicab meters, taxicab rates or any special requirements for taxicab operators; and

WHEREAS, such lack of legislative intent was further shown by the enactment at the same session of the General Assembly of three separate acts providing for the regulation of taxicabs and taxicab operators in Annapolis, Baltimore City and Prince George's County (Chapters 376, 411 and 663 of 1943); and by the enactment of similar laws for Baltimore County, Frederick City, and Wicomico County (Chapters 323, 500, and 671 of 1945); and for Prince George's County, Havre de Grace, Howard County, and Bel Air (Chapters 712, 745, 759, and 816 of 1947); and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to remove any uncertainty on the subject; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 1 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. (Applicability.) The provisions of this Article are intended to be State-wide in their effect, and except to the extent that they may be specifically authorized by other provisions of this Article or by Public Local Laws providing for the regulation of taxicabs and the operators thereof, heretofore or hereafter enacted, no City, County or other Municipal sub-division of the State shall have the right to make or enforce any local law, ordinance or regulation upon any subject for which provision is made in this Article, nor require any registration or licensing of motor vehicles or operators thereof in addition to the registration and licensing herein prescribed, nor impose upon the owner or operator of any motor vehicle any tax, registration fee, license fee, assessment or charge of any kind for the use of a motor vehicle upon any public highway or highways in this State.

The provisions of this Article (except as herein otherwise specifically provided) are intended to be exclusive of all local and municipal legislation or regulations, upon the various