

rier. The identification marker should be affixed to the vehicle in an easily visible position and the registration card carried in the cab of the vehicle. The identification marker *and registration card* shall remain the property of the State of Maryland and may be recalled for any violation of the provisions of this sub-title or of the regulations promulgated thereunder. The Comptroller also shall provide by regulation for the registration of every such vehicle, for a fee of one dollar each. Registration cards and identification markers shall be issued on ~~an annual~~ *a twelve month* basis ~~as of January 1~~ *effective April 1* of each year and shall be valid through the next succeeding ~~December 31~~ *March 31*. *The enforcement of this subsection shall not become effective until April 15 of each year providing the motor carrier has the previous year's identification marker displayed on his vehicles and the registration card in the cab of his vehicles before entry into the State of Maryland.* It shall be illegal to operate or to cause to be operated in this State any vehicle defined in Section 412 hereinabove unless the vehicle bears the identification marker required by this section; provided, however, the Comptroller by regulation may exempt from the requirement for displaying the said identification marker such vehicles as urban and public transit vehicles or others if in his discretion they are clearly identifiable and the effective enforcement of this sub-title will not suffer thereby and further provided that vehicles bearing valid, registration plates issued by this State shall be exempt from the provisions of this section. In addition and for a period not exceeding twenty-five days as to any one motor carrier the Comptroller by letter or telegram may authorize the operation of a vehicle or vehicles without the identification marker required when the enforcement of this for that period would cause undue delay and hardship in the operation of the said vehicle or vehicles, *and further, the Comptroller by regulation may authorize the issuance of a book of temporary twenty-five day permits. The fee for these permits and conditions for the issuance of such permits shall be set forth by regulations promulgated by the Comptroller.*

(b) Any motor carrier, as defined by Section 412, may in lieu of annual registration apply for a Flat Fee Permit, if in the course of their operations they operate on Maryland highways no more than three times in any one calendar year. The fee for this permit shall be five dollars and the conditions for issuance of said permit shall be set by regulations promulgated by the Comptroller.

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*(a) The Comptroller may impose a penalty, which shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed by this sub-title, for the refusal or failure to file a report within the time prescribed pursuant to this sub-title, such penalty to be imposed under the provisions of Section 137 (b) of Article 56 of this Code as amended from time to time. Failure to comply with any rule or regulation issued by the Comptroller pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title shall be deemed to be a violation thereof, each such failure or violation constituting a separate offense and being punishable by a *minimum* fine of \$20.00 and not exceeding ~~[\$500.00]~~ \$200.00 for each such offense. The penalty shall be collectible by the process of the Comptroller as provided by law. In addition to imposing such penalty, or without imposing any penalty, the Comptroller may suspend or revoke any*