permits to operate cars or motorcycles is vested solely in the Commissioner. He not only controls issuance of licenses and can refuse to permit an unfit applicant to operate a car in the State, but in addition he holds the power of suspension for a stated period or the absolute revocation of a driver's permit. This without regard to the action of the Courts in cases tried before them.

Appeal to the Courts from the action of the Commissioner, in suspending, refusing or revoking licenses, is provided in the law, however.

By recent Acts of the Legislature, the following appear as safety measures designed to enable the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to make the state highways safe and thereby reduce accidents to a minimum, viz: (1) upon inability to satisfy a judgment arising from an automobile accident or collision or certain infractions of the motor vehicle laws, certain evidence of financial responsibility must be produced to the Commissioner before licenses may be restored; (2) shatter-proof glass is required in all motor vehicles manufactured or assembled, sold and registered in this State after July 1, 1935; (3) periodical inspection of vehicles by designated agencies.

State Departments having to do with regulating the operation of motor vehicles are as follows: (1) Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; (2) Public Service Commission; (3) State Roads Commission; (4) Maryland State Police.

## DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND STATE POLICE

Headquarters-Guilford Avenue and 21st Street, Baltimore, Md.

Name.	Posto	ffice.
Superintendent, Colonel Beverly Ober, 1943	. Baltimore,	Md.
Captain, Edward McK. Johnson	Baltimore,	Md.
Lieutenant Ruxton M. Ridgely	. Baltimore,	Md.
Lieutenant Andrew T. Conner	. Baltimore,	Md.
Department Physician, Howard M. Bubert, M.D	. Baltimore.	Md.

Through Chapter 303 of the Acts of 1935 of the Maryland Legislature, the separation of the Motor Vehicle Deputies from the Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was effected and a new Department was created, known as the Department of Maryland State Police. The direction of the Department is vested in the superintendent, with the rank of Colonel, in the Department. He is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for four years, from the first day of June following his appointment. He is subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency, and, in the event of removal or resignation, the Governor is given the power to appoint a superintendent to hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of the superintendent who has resigned or is removed from office.

The qualifications of the superintendent are that he shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident and voter of the State of Maryland. His authority is to establish and maintain classification and grades for police employees in the Department. He shall also maintain