

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.



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND STATE POLICE

Headquarters—Pikesville Armory, Pikesville, Maryland.

Name	Postoffice
Colonel Beverly Ober	
Superintendent (Term expires 1947).....	Baltimore, Md.
Major Edward McK. Johnson,	
Executive Officer.....	Baltimore, Md.
Captain Ruxton M. Ridgely	
Ass't to State Liaison Officer and Supervisor of Training, Baltimore, Md.	
Captain Andrew T. Conner	
Administrative Officer.....	Baltimore, Md.
Lieutenant William H. Weber	
Field Force Commander.....	Brooklyn Park, Md.
Lieutenant George E. Davidson	
Bureau of Investigation and Identification.....	Rockdale, Md.
Lieutenant Wilbur H. Conroy	
Director of Training.....	Baltimore, Md.
Lieutenant Marlin D. Brubaker	
Traffic Collision Statistical Bureau.....	Towson, Md.
Howard M. Bubert, M.D.	
Department Physician.....	Baltimore, Md.

The Department of Maryland State Police was created by Chapter 303 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1935. The passage of this Act resulted in the transfer of the personnel of the Motorcycle Department and other personnel of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Maryland State Police, and delegated to the Department of Maryland State Police general police authority with specified limitations and the enforcement of the motor vehicle laws of the State.

The direction of the Department is vested in the Superintendent, who holds the rank of Colonel. 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.