

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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The Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was established by an Act of 1910. The Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a four-year term, serves as the Director of the Department.

The Department issues all drivers' licenses in the State, and applicants are required to pass an eye test, written examination of the Motor Vehicle Laws of Maryland, and a driving test. These examinations are conducted in Baltimore City and in twenty-three other cities and towns throughout the State. The Department titles and registers motor vehicles. It must issue a title before license plates. The Department collects an excise tax of two per cent of the fair value of the vehicle for each title issued. All commercial vehicles operating for hire within the State must file with the Department a certificate of Financial Responsibility Insurance in the amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$5,000 and obtain a gratis permit to be carried with the vehicle at all times. All persons involved in accidents resulting in personal injuries or any property damage in excess of \$75.00 must file a report with the Department and comply with the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Law. All persons who fail to pay judgments in excess of \$25.00 are subject to the Financial Responsibility Law.

The Department maintains a record of each individual driver who has been convicted of violating the motor vehicle laws. It conducts hearings to determine whether or not the driver's license should be suspended or revoked as a result of a motor vehicle conviction; if he is proved physically or mentally unfit to drive, his case comes before the Department's Medical Advisory Board for final decision. He may appeal to the Courts from the decision of the Commissioner, except in those cases where the revocation is mandatory.

All fees collected for the registration and titling of motor vehicles and all fines collected are deposited by the Department to the credit of the Motor Vehicles Revenue Fund (Code 1957, Art. 66½, secs. 4-6, 10, 22-29, 90, 116-35, 341). In 1958 these fees amounted to \$36,771,778.25.

Appropriations	1959	1960
Special Funds	\$3,125,093	\$3,560,870
Staff: 470.		

UNSATISFIED CLAIM AND JUDGMENT FUND BOARD

Chairman: Warren Nigh, 1960
 Vice-Chairman: C. Harold Whittum, 1960
 Secretary: Henry B. Suter, 1960
 Ex officio members: John R. Jewell, Commissioner of Motor
 Vehicles; F. Douglass Sears, Insurance Commissioner
 Appointed member: H. W. Reeder, 1960
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The Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund Board, established by the General Assembly of 1957, consists of the Commissioner of Motor