

The Automobile Dealer/Salesman Licensing Service administers the dealer licensing and bonding laws of the State. Under these laws, automobile dealers and their salesmen are required to meet certain criteria established by law and enforced by the Department. For the protection of both consumers and taxpayers, dealers and salesmen are required to post security bonds of \$1,000 and \$5,000 respectively. Dealers who violate the licensing and bonding provisions of the law or other sections of the motor vehicle code relating to the titling and registration of vehicles or who engage in unethical or unfair business practices are subject to the loss of their licenses. The Automobile Dealer/Salesman Licensing Service also issues bulletins periodically advising dealers of changes in laws, procedures and rules and regulations.

The Division also has the responsibility of licensing auto wreckers and scrap processors in the State and has the responsibility of imposing a five dollar fee whenever it determines that vehicles having a model year in excess of seven years have remained at the wrecker's location for more than six months. The Division further has the responsibility of authorizing a payment of ten dollars to scrap processors for vehicles which have been totally destroyed. The licensing provisions of this Act become effective on January 1, 1970; and the first payment of the ten dollar fee will be effective on July 1, 1970.

The Division of Vehicle Registration cooperates with the State Police and other law enforcement agencies in the administration of the used car inspection program. The Division establishes the minimum standards for used cars and also establishes procedures for the suspension of the license tags of vehicles cited as unsafe by the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police when the motor vehicle owner has not corrected any defects. The Department prepares and distributes all forms for the administration of the used car inspection law.

The Division of Vehicle Registration administers the reciprocity agreements with other States and jurisdictions and maintains both an alphabetical and a numerical registration card filing system to aid law enforcement and others who desire prompt vehicle registration information. Finally, the Division, coordinates the Division's activities with the State Use Industries in license tag production and distribution.

Division of Finance and Statistics

William J. Lucas, Director

This Division institutes proper accounting and auditing procedures so that the Department can maintain effective internal control over all its operations. The Division is also responsible for the coordination of budget requests from the various Division directors. It works closely with the Commissioner and the members of his executive staff in the preparation of the Department's annual budget.

Because much of the revenue collected by the Trial Magistrates and the Judges of the People's Courts throughout the State is derived from fines and costs of traffic violations, auditors for the Division work closely with members of the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction and their staffs in establishing effective accounting and bookkeeping systems within their courts and in auditing their records periodically. There are more than 520 sources of revenue to the State from courts, sheriffs' offices and the offices of local State's Attorneys which is accounted for in large measure by auditors of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Division also develops and distributes the Maryland Uniform Arrest Ticket. This ticket not only eliminates, in large measure, the use of different type arrest tickets by various agencies, but it also