

of each county in the State, to the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City and to the marshal or chief of police in each city and county where a uniformed force is maintained.

140. No person under the age of eighteen years shall operate, drive or direct any automobile, motor car, taxi cab or motor truck propelled by gas, gasoline, steam or electricity, upon any road, highway, street, lane or other public way within the State of Maryland. The penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act shall be a fine of ten dollars for the first offence, and of twenty-five dollars for the second offence, and a fine of one hundred dollars, or thirty days in jail, for subsequent violations. Any justice of the peace having criminal jurisdiction shall have full authority to try and determine all violations of this act as aforesaid.

SEC. 1½. *And be it further enacted,* That section 140H be repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

140H. Every motor vehicle or motorcycle, while being used upon the public highways of this State shall be provided with an adequate bell, horn or other signalling device, and it shall be unlawful for any person operating any motor vehicle or motorcycle to make or cause to be made any unnecessary noise by a prolonged blast or otherwise with any such bell, horn or other signalling device, or to use the same as a warning of danger, and such signalling device shall not be sounded while passing a horse or other animal in the open country. Within the limits of cities, towns or villages of this State, only horns blown by hand pressure upon a rubber bulb or small electric bells of moderate sound shall be used during the period of from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. It shall be unlawful for any operator of a motor vehicle to operate such motor vehicle without an adequate muffler or to cut out the muffler at any hour of the day or night within the limits of any city, town or village of this State.

141. No driver or operator of any motor car, taxi-cab, automobile or motor truck shall use any cut out, fitting or other apparatus or device which will allow the exhaust gases from the engine of the motor car to escape into the atmosphere without first passing through a silence, expansion chamber or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing as far as may reasonably be practicable the noise which would otherwise be caused by the escape of the said gases; provided that this regulation shall apply only to a motor car propelled by an internal combustion engine and shall not extend to a motorcycle and only within the limits of municipalities, incorporated cities and towns and villages in the State of Maryland.