

Motor Vehicles.

1910, ch. 207, sec. 131 (p. 169).

133. There shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the consent of the senate, one sober and discreet person who shall have been a registered voter in the State of Maryland for three consecutive years next preceding the date of his appointment, and who shall be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles," and shall devote his time to the duties of such office. Said commissioner shall be subject to removal by the governor for official misconduct or incompetency, as in the case of other civil officers. Said commissioner shall be appointed for two years, and the term of his office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Said commissioner of motor vehicles shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, payable monthly. He shall be required to give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or such additional sum as the governor may require, for the faithful performance of his duties. The commissioner shall appoint such assistants at such salaries as he may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the governor. He shall maintain an office in the city of Baltimore, open daily, excepting Sundays and holidays, during such hours as the governor may prescribe. He shall file with the governor on the last day of April in each and every year an account of the receipts and disbursements of his office, as provided for in this sub-title. The salaries of said commissioner and clerk or clerks, together with all office and other expenses, including the cost of the commissioner's bond, shall be paid out of the receipts of his office. He shall transmit on the first day of each and every month such moneys as may not be needed to carry out the provisions of this sub-title, to the state treasurer, to be used as provided in section 159 hereof, and shall receive a receipt therefor. Said commissioner shall be conversant with the construction of motor vehicles, and shall be required to make oath that he has personally operated motor vehicles other than motorcycles at least two thousand miles prior to his appointment. Immediately upon the qualification of said commissioner as provided for in this section, he shall obtain from the secretary of state all existing records appertaining to the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of chauffeurs, including the names and addresses of owners, and the names of makers, the manufacturer's number and the horsepower of such motor vehicles, and such other information as said records may disclose, and said commissioner may require, and said commissioner shall pay therefor to the secretary of state such an amount as said secretary of state may certify as necessary to compensate him for the expense incurred in preparing and furnishing such information. In case of the absence of the commissioner of motor vehicles, or of his inability from any cause to perform the duties of his office, the governor shall designate some properly qualified person to perform such duties, such person to have all the powers and perform all the duties