

mit to operate any motor vehicle for the public transportation of passengers over any specified route, to investigate the feasibility of granting said permit, the number of motor vehicles to be used, the rate to be charged, and if, in the judgment of the Public Service Commission it is deemed best for public welfare and convenience that said permit should be granted, said Public Service Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to grant such permit, but if said Public Service Commission deems the granting of such a permit prejudicial to the welfare and convenience of the public, then the said Public Service Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to refuse the granting of same. The said Public Service Commission of Maryland is further empowered and authorized to make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to govern the control and operation of same, and enforce the same by such penalties or forfeitures as it may prescribe, including the revocation of the permit granted under the provisions of this sub-title.

1916, ch. 610, sec. 5.

193. Every person owning or operating any such motor vehicle in violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title, or in violation of the rules and regulations aforesaid of the Public Service Commission, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction subject to a fine not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first offense, and a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each additional offense or subsequent offenses.

1916, ch. 610, sec. 6.

194. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent therewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency, but nothing herein shall be construed to relieve any owner or operator of such motor vehicles as are herein defined from any regulation otherwise imposed by law or lawful authority.

Public Freight Motor Vehicles.

1916, ch. 714, sec. 1. 1918, ch. 304, sec. 1.

195. It shall be the duty of each owner of a motor vehicle to be used in the public transportation of merchandise or freight, operating over State, State Aid, improved County Roads, and Streets and Roads of incorporated towns and cities in the State of Maryland, to secure a permit from the Public Service Commission of Maryland to operate over said roads and streets, and present same to the Motor Vehicle Commissioner annually at the time and according to the method and provisions prescribed by law for owners of all other motor vehicles, to make an application in writing for registration with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and to state in said application besides the other matters by law provided, the carrying capacity as given by manufac-