

or tracks. The term "solid tire vehicle" shall include all motor vehicles equipped with two or more solid tires. The term "local authorities" shall include all officers of counties, cities, towns or villages, as well as all boards, committees and other public officials of such counties, cities, towns or villages. The term "State" as used in the sub-title, except when otherwise expressly provided and except in Section 190, shall also include the territories and federal districts of the United States. The term "owner" shall include any person, firm, association or corporation owning a motor vehicle or having the exclusive use thereof, under contract of purchase, lease, hiring or rental thereof, or otherwise. The term "dealer" shall be taken to include all individuals, firms or corporations actively engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, and who have an established place of business. The term "chauffeur" shall be taken to include every person operating a motor vehicle for hire, or as an employee of the owner thereof. The terms "highway," "roads," "public highways" or "public roads" shall include any highway or thoroughfare of any kind used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have authority in disputed cases, to determine the extent of the applicability of the definitions herein contained.

See sec. 186, and notes to sec. 190.

Public Vehicles Exempted.

An. Code, sec. 135. 1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 135.

174. All motor vehicles owned and used by the State or any city, town, village or county of this State are hereby exempted from the provisions of this sub-title requiring the payment of registration fees, but all such vehicles shall display identification markers approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

See notes to secs. 186 and 190.

PART II.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles—Appointment of

An. Code, sec. 136. 1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 136.

175. 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