

next ensuing his appointment. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. 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 and 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 April¹ 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 or clerk or clerks, together with all office and other expenses including the cost of the Commissioner's bond, shall be paid out of monies appropriated therefor by the General Assembly. He shall transmit on the first day of each and every month a statement of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the preceding month and all monies coming into his hands under the provisions of this sub-title, with the exception of such amounts as may be necessary for the purpose of making refunds to the State Treasurer, to be used as provided elsewhere in this sub-title, 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. 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 have all the powers and perform all the duties of said Commissioner during his absence or inability as aforesaid, and to receive such compensation per diem, and to give such bond as the Governor may prescribe.

In addition to the specific duties imposed upon the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the provisions of this sub-title, it shall be his duty faithfully to exercise every reasonable effort to secure the enforcement of this sub-title, so that motor vehicle traffic in this State shall be reasonably and efficiently regulated with due regard to the convenience of persons using motor vehicles and the safety of the public in general. Said Commissioner or a deputy or clerk especially designated by him shall have power to administer the oath prescribed by law in all cases in which he may deem the same necessary, in the performance of the duties prescribed by this sub-title, who shall charge for each oath administered the sum of twenty-five cents, and all fees received from such source to be paid by said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles into the Treasury as are other funds received by him.

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall keep a record of all statements filed with him and all certificates issued by him, which record shall be open to public inspection.

¹ Act 1920, ch. 511, makes fiscal year of commissioner same as that of state (Sept. 30).