

the registration of motor vehicles or licensing of operators thereof, and the display of identification or registration numbers on such vehicles, and who shall cause the identification number of such State, in accordance with the laws thereof and none other, together with the initial letter or letters of said State to be displayed on his motor vehicle as in this sub-title provided, while used or operated upon the public highways of this State, may use the highways of this State without obtaining a registration certificate or operator's license from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles as hereinbefore prescribed; provided the State of which he is a resident and the registration certificate which he displays shall extend the same privilege to residents of this State; provided that if any non-resident be convicted before any Justice of the Peace, committing Magistrate or Police Justice of violating any provision of this sub-title, he shall thereafter be subject to and required to comply with all the provisions of this sub-title relating to the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators thereof; and the Governor of this State is hereby authorized and empowered to confer and advise with the proper officers and legislative bodies of other States of the Union, and enter into reciprocal agreements under which the registration of motor vehicles owned by the residents of this State will be recognized by such other States, and he is further authorized and empowered from time to time to grant to residents of other States the privilege of using the roads of this State as in this section provided in return for similar privileges granted residents of this State by such other States.

The foregoing exemption of non-residents shall not apply to operators of motor vehicles or motor cycles who are residents of States which do not require the display of identification markers on the same, nor shall it apply to non-residents of this State for periods in excess of three months in any year or to non-residents engaged as common carriers in the transportation of passengers or freight wholly or partly in this State.

Any non-resident operating a motor vehicle in this State contrary to the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of displaying a fictitious marker, or operating without a license and subject to the penalties prescribed elsewhere in this sub-title for such offenses in the case of residents.

In absence of national legislation state may prescribe uniform regulations necessary for public safety and order in respect to operation of motor vehicles upon its highways—those moving in interstate commerce as well as others. The reasonableness of state's regulations are open to inquiry so far as they affect interstate commerce, and in that regard it is subordinate to the will of congress. Regulations and charges under sec. 143 of Code of 1912, (vol. 2), held reasonable; who may not complain of law. *Hendrick v. Maryland*, 59 L. Ed. 385. (See also 115 Md. 552.)

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191. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the State of Maryland is hereby authorized and directed with the advice and consent of the Governor of Maryland, to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the proper authorities of the District of Columbia for the issuance of a joint license or identification tag for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, to provide for the issuance of said license tags by both the