

issue an appropriate certificate over his signature and sealed with the seal of his office, procured and used for such purpose. Said certificate shall contain such description and other evidences of identification of said motor vehicle as the Commissioner may deem reasonably necessary and proper, together with a statement of any liens or encumbrances which the application may show to be thereon. The charge for each original certificate so issued shall be one dollar (\$1.00), which charge shall be in addition to the charge for the registration of such motor vehicle. Said certificate shall be good for the life of the car so long as the same is owned or held by the original holder of such certificate, and shall not have to be renewed annually. In the case of motor vehicles now owned and already registered in this State during the year 1920, an application for a certificate of title, accompanied by such evidences of ownership and liens as the Commissioner may require, shall be made within ninety (90) days after June 1, 1920. Immediately upon the passage of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to cause to be printed copies of this section and Section 203 of this Article, and to mail to every person to whom he has issued a certificate of registration for the year 1920, one of such printed copies accompanied by a specific notice that the title of such motor vehicle must be registered as herein provided. After the expiration of said ninety days, it shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for any person to operate in this State a motor vehicle under a Maryland registration number unless such certificate of title shall have been issued as herein provided. In the event of the sale or transfer of the ownership of a motor vehicle for which an original certificate of title has been issued as aforesaid, the original holders of such certificate shall endorse on the back of the same an assignment thereof with warranty of title in form printed thereon with a statement of all liens or encumbrances on said motor vehicle, and deliver the same to the purchaser or transferee at the time of the delivery to him of such motor vehicle. The purchaser or transferee shall then present such certificate, assigned as aforesaid, to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the time of making application for the registration of such motor vehicle, whereupon a new certificate of title shall be issued to the assignee, the charge therefor being one dollar (\$1.00). Said original certificates, when so assigned and returned to the Commissioner, together with subsequent assignments of reissues of certificates, shall be retained by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and appropriately indexed so that at all times it will be possible for him expeditiously to trace title to the motor vehicle designated therein. Beginning with the expiration of ninety days from June 1, 1920, and thereafter, it shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, or both, for any one to sell or to purchase within the limits of this State any motor vehicle registered in Maryland after January 1, 1920, unless at the time of the delivery thereof there shall pass between the parties such certificate of title with an assignment thereof in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Any