

Suspension or Revocation of Operator's License, Markers and Registration Certificate.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 189. 1912, sec. 145. 1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 145.
1920, ch. 506, sec. 145. 1927, ch. 520, sec. 189.

189. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or any of his assistants, who may be designated by him for that purpose, may after due hearing, upon not less than three days' notice in writing, said notice to be sent by registered letter to the address given by the operator when applying for his license certificate, which shall constitute sufficient form of notice, suspend or revoke the operator's license issued to any person under Section 186 of this sub-title for any cause which he may deem sufficient; but every applicant for an operator's license whose application shall be refused by said Commissioner, and every licensee whose operator's license shall be suspended or revoked by said Commissioner, may appeal to the Circuit Court of the county in which the licensee may live, or to the Baltimore City Court of Baltimore City if the licensee live there, the decision of the said Court to be final, and such appeal to operate as a stay of such order or decision by the Commissioner. Subject to the same conditions as to notice and appeal, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall have power and authority to refuse, revoke or suspend the markers and certificate of registration of any motor vehicle which is so constructed as to be, when in operation, a menace to the safety of its occupants, or to the public, or is so constructed or operated as to cause unreasonable damage to the public highways, or whenever the owner of any motor vehicle shall make or permit to be made any use of the same without having complied with the licensing provisions of this and of every other law of this State, or permit the use thereof by a person not entitled thereto.

Whenever any person licensed to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this State has been convicted of any violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, suspend for such period as he may deem necessary, or revoke the operator's license of such person. No person shall for the period of three months from the date of the revocation of his operator's license, be capable of receiving a new operator's license, nor thereafter except in the discretion of the Commissioner.

Any person whose license to operate a motor vehicle in this State has been refused, suspended or revoked as aforesaid, and who shall operate a motor vehicle, or who shall operate a motor vehicle the registration of which has been refused, suspended or revoked as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject, upon conviction, to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or to imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than one year, or to both fine and imprisonment. The provisions of this section shall apply to the operator and to the owner who causes or permits his motor vehicle to be operated in violation of this section.