

a permit from the Public Service Commission of Maryland, authorizing the motor vehicle owner to operate on a certain route, to furnish the motor vehicle owner with a distinguishing plate or marker. No such motor vehicle owner shall change said schedule or route of his motor vehicle during any year for which a certificate has been issued, without a permit, in writing, made in duplicate, from the Public Service Commission of Maryland, a copy of which shall be sent to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles before said schedule is changed, whereupon a proper readjustment of charges shall be made upon the basis aforesaid. But nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to prevent an owner or operator of such regularly licensed vehicles from replacing in an emergency such vehicles by a substitute vehicle in order to maintain the schedule approved as herein provided or in an emergency from operating, temporarily, reserve vehicles on such routes and schedules, approved as aforesaid for the public accommodation. In cases where certificates have been issued to such motor vehicle owner for more than one route, all motor vehicles having the same number of passenger seats, including reserve or substitute vehicles, which have been registered for use upon either or any of said routes, may be used interchangeably upon either or any of said routes. The operations upon any route may be conducted with greater frequency than prescribed by the approved schedule without obtaining permission therefor from the Public Service Commission, provided, however, that the approved schedule shall be strictly maintained and adhered to, until changed with the permission of the Public Service Commission, and provided further, that whenever the operations conducted are in excess of those prescribed by the approved schedule, the motor vehicle owner shall report to the Public Service Commission, on or before the fifth business day of the succeeding month, the actual number of miles traveled, and the license number of the motor vehicles operated upon each route for the preceding calendar month, and shall, at the same time send a duplicate of said report to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and pay to the said Commissioner the difference between the fee charged on the basis of the approved schedule and the fee chargeable upon the basis of the actual number of seat-miles traveled; and provided, further, whenever, in the opinion of the Public Service Commission, it will be prejudicial to the public welfare and convenience, to permit operations to be conducted upon any route with greater frequency than prescribed by the approved schedule, said Commission may limit this privilege in whatever manner it may deem proper or deny the said privilege altogether, either at the time of the issuance of the permit or at any time thereafter. Seasonal permits may be granted for a portion of the year, if, in the judgment of the Public Service Commission, the granting thereof is deemed essential to the public welfare and convenience, and routes may be changed or abandoned, whenever, in the opinion of the Public Service Commission, the welfare and convenience of the public will not be prejudiced thereby. In the event any such motor vehicle owner shall fail to report excess mileage and other information, as above provided, or shall change or abandon a route or reduce a schedule, without first obtain-