

**Public Freight Motor Vehicles.**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 258. 1912, sec. 195. 1916, ch. 714, sec. 1. 1918, ch. 304, sec. 1.  
 1922, ch. 401, sec. 2. 1924, ch. 291, sec. 195. 1927, ch. 152, sec. 258.  
 1933, ch. 282, sec. 258.

**258.** It shall be the duty of each owner of a motor vehicle to be used in the intrastate public transportation of merchandise or freight, operating over State, State-aid improved County roads, and streets and roads of incorporated towns and cities in the State of Maryland: (1) to secure a permit from the Public Service Commission of Maryland to operate over said roads and streets; (2) to present same to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles annually at the time and according to the method and provisions prescribed by law for the making of applications for registration tags in the case of all other motor vehicles; (3) to make an application in writing for registration with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and to state in said application besides the other matters by law provided; (a) the carrying capacity as given by the manufacturer of such motor vehicles; (b) the route on which such motor vehicle is to be used; (c) whether reserve or substitute motor vehicles are maintained by the applicant to be used only in emergencies; and if so, the number of such reserve and substitute motor vehicles and a complete description of each, such motor vehicle when in use to be designated by a special marker to be furnished by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; (d) the length of the route in miles on State, State-aid, improved country<sup>1</sup> roads, and streets and roads of incorporated towns and cities; (e) the weight of the vehicle when empty; and (f) the schedule under which it shall be operated; and for each such motor vehicle, except reserve or substitute vehicles an annual fee shall be paid to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for certificates of registration issued by him as follows:

(1) Commercial vehicles with two axles and equipped with pneumatic tires other than those electrically operated shall be divided into six classes based upon the gross shipping weight of the chassis as given and certified to by the manufacturer and the fees for each class shall be as follows:

| Class | Shipping Weight of Chassis in Pounds  | Fee  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|------|
| 1     | Less than 2500.....                   | \$30 |
| 2     | 2500 and over but less than 3500..... | 50   |
| 3     | 3500 and over but less than 5000..... | 70   |
| 4     | 5000 and over but less than 6000..... | 100  |
| 5     | 6000 and over but less than 7500..... | 150  |
| 6     | 7500 and over.....                    | 260  |

(2) Commercial motor vehicles with three axles and equipped with pneumatic tires, other than those electrically operated, shall be divided into six classes based upon the gross shipping weight of the chassis as given and certified to by the manufacturer and the fees for each class shall be as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Evidently "county" intended