

which they are appointed and are not citizens of the United States and by any incorporated volunteer fire company, incorporated in this State and used for fire-fighting or ambulance purposes are hereby exempted from the provisions of this sub-title requiring the payment of registration fees, but all such vehicles shall display identification markers approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

See notes to secs. 162 and 187.

PART II.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles—Appointment of.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 175. 1912, sec. 136. 1916, ch. 687. 1918, ch. 85, sec. 136.

149. There shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, one sober and discreet person who shall have been a registered voter in the State of Maryland for three consecutive years next preceding the date of his appointment, and who shall be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles," and shall devote his time to the duties of such office. Said Commissioner shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency as in the case of other civil officers. Said Commissioner shall be appointed for two years, and the term of his office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), per annum, payable monthly. He shall be required to give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or such additional sum as the Governor may require, for the faithful performance of his duties. The Commissioner shall appoint such assistants and at such salaries as he may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor. He shall maintain an office in the City of Baltimore, open daily, excepting Sundays and holidays, during such hours as the Governor may prescribe. He shall file with the Governor, on the last day of April¹ in each and every year, an account of the receipts and disbursements of his office as provided for in this sub-title. The salaries of said Commissioner or clerk or clerks, together with all office and other expenses including the cost of the Commissioner's bond, shall be paid out of monies appropriated therefor by the General Assembly. He shall transmit on the first day of each and every month a statement of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the preceding month and all monies coming into his hands under the provisions of this sub-title, with the exception of such amounts as may be necessary for the purpose of making refunds to the State Treasurer, to be used as provided elsewhere in this sub-title, and shall receive a receipt therefor. Said Commissioner shall be conversant with the construction of motor vehicles and shall be required to make oath that he has personally operated motor vehicles, other than motorcycles, at least two thousand miles prior to his appointment. In case of the absence of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or of his inability, from any cause, to perform the duties of his office, the Governor shall designate some properly qualified person to have all the powers and perform all the duties of said Commissioner during his absence or inability as aforesaid, and to receive such compensation *per diem*, and to give such bond as the Governor may prescribe.

¹ Act 1920, ch. 511, makes fiscal year of commissioner same as that of state (Sept. 30).