

persons or less, including driver, operated upon any public street or highway in Howard County, or, on call or demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between such points along the public streets and highways in Howard County, as may be directed by the passenger or passengers so being transported; provided that nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to include as a taxicab, a motor vehicle operated, with the approval and under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, on fixed routes and schedules.

353. No person, association or corporation shall, on or after July 1, 1947, operate a taxicab or taxicabs, in Howard County, except as hereinafter provided, until such person, association or corporation shall have obtained a permit from the County Commissions of Howard County to operate such taxicab, or each of such taxicabs. Such permit shall be issued only after written application for the same shall have been made to the County Commissioners of Howard County. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioners, upon such application, to investigate the expediency of granting such permit, the number of taxicabs to be used, and the rate to be charged, and, if, in the judgment of the Commissioners, it is deemed best for the public welfare and convenience that said permit should be granted, said Commissioners are hereby empowered and authorized to grant such permit, subject to such conditions and terms, and for such duration of time, not exceeding the period of one year, as they may deem advisable. But if the said County Commissioners deem the granting of such permit prejudicial to the welfare and convenience of the public, then the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and authorized to refuse the granting of the same. The said County Commissioners of Howard County are further empowered and authorized to make such rules and regulations, including the fixing of the rates to be charged, with the approval of the Public Service Commission, as they may deem necessary to govern the control and operation of taxicabs and to enforce the same by such penalties or forfeitures as they may reasonably prescribe, including the suspension or revocation for reasonable cause or causes, including violation of any rule or regulation that may be adopted by the County Commissioners, after investigation and hearing, of the permit granted under the provisions of this sub-title; any person, association or corporation of interest who shall be dissatisfied with the action of the County Commissioners for refusing to grant a permit or for any ruling, order or regulation hereunder shall have the right of an appeal to the Circuit Court for Howard County within thirty days from such refusal, ruling or order;