

293. It shall be the duty of each owner of a motor vehicle to be used in the public intra-state transportation of passengers for hire 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 seating capacity for passengers of said motor vehicle; (b) the route on which said 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 vehicles 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 County roads, and streets and roads of incorporated towns and cities, respectively, in the State of Maryland; (e) the weight of the vehicle; and (f) the schedule under which it shall be operated; and (4) for each such motor vehicle, except reserve or substitute vehicle, an annual fee shall be paid to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for certificates of registration issued by him, of one thirtieth ( $1/30\phi$ ) of a cent per each passenger seat multiplied by the total number of miles that said application shall show will be traveled by such motor vehicle over State, State-Aid, improved County roads, and streets and roads of incorporated towns and cities in the State of Maryland, during the year for which said certificate is issued, and no other additional fees, licenses or tax, shall be charged by the State or any County or municipal sub-division of the State except the property tax and gasoline tax in respect to such vehicles or their operation.

A copy of the application filed with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall be forwarded to the State Roads Commission, which shall thereupon compute the fee payable by each motor vehicle owner for each motor vehicle for which application for registration has been made.

Such computation shall be based upon the mileage to be traversed by said motor vehicle upon all highways having a hard, smooth surface, composed of gravel, shells, crushed