

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed upon by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 22, 1937.

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments **Section 255** of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Licenses", sub-title "Public Passenger Motor Vehicles", so as to authorize the Public Service Commission in certain cases to extend the time for which permits to operate motor vehicles over specified routes may be granted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 255 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws, title "Licenses", sub-title "Public Passenger Motor Vehicles", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

255. It shall be the duty of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, upon the application of any motor vehicle owner for a permit to operate any motor vehicle for the public transportation of passengers over any specified route, to investigate the expediency of granting said permit; the number of motor vehicles to be used, and the rate to be charged, and if, in the judgment of the Public Service Commission, it is deemed best for public welfare and convenience that said permit should be granted, said Public Service Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to grant such permit subject to such reasonable conditions and terms, and for such duration of time, not exceeding the period of twenty years, as it may deem advisable, provided, however, that permits to operate over the streets of the City of Baltimore shall not be granted for periods in excess of one year, except as hereinafter provided; and provided further, that if the applicant is directly, or is a subsidiary of a company, engaged in furnishing mass transportation in any incorporated municipality in the State of Maryland, by means of electric trolley cars, and operates or desires to operate motor vehicles, other than taxicabs, in con-