

tion and proceedings before the Commission in all other hearings conducted by the Commission. The Commission shall have full power to make rules and regulations necessary and incidental for the holding of hearings and the enforcement of the orders of the Commission.

In the event an offending carrier shall neglect to file an answer within the time set forth in the notice, or without obtaining an extension thereof, then the Public Service Commission may, in its sole discretion, direct the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to revoke or suspend the registration certificate of all trucks involved in the operation complained of as hereinbefore set forth. Nothing herein provided in this section shall apply to taxi-cabs operating in Baltimore City.

255B. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and Public Service Commission is hereby empowered to inspect all books, papers, records or charts of any character of carriers to which this Act applies showing the schedules, routes, trucks and operation of such carriers within this State.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 256 of Article 56 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, 1929 Edition, title "Licenses", sub-title "Public Passenger Motor Vehicles", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

256. Each person owning or operating any such motor vehicles in violation of any of the provisions of this sub-title, or in violation of the rules and regulations aforesaid of the Public Service Commission or the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction subject to a fine of not less than five (\$5.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, and a fine of not less than fifty (\$50.00) dollars nor more than two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each additional offense or subsequent offenses.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not apply until January 1st, 1934, to any motor vehicle for which the Public Service Commission of Maryland has issued a certificate of public convenience or a permit as herein provided and necessity for the year 1933.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That should any section, or part of a section of this Act be held to be in-