

to be used as provided in Section 140r hereof, 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. Immediately upon the qualification of said Commissioner as provided for in this section, he shall obtain from the Secretary of State all existing records appertaining to the registration of motor vehicles and licensing of chauffeurs, including the names and addresses of owners, and the names of makers, the manufacturer's numbers and the horsepower of such motor vehicles, and such other information as said records may disclose, and said Commissioner may require, and said Commissioner shall pay therefor to the Secretary of State such an amount as said Secretary of State may certify as necessary to compensate him for the expense incurred in preparing and furnishing such information. 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 perform such duties, such person to have all the powers and perform all the duties of said Commissioner during such absence or inability as aforesaid, and to receive such compensation per diem and give such bond as the Governor may prescribe.

In addition to the specific duties imposed upon the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles by the provisions of this subtitle, it shall be his duty faithfully to exercise every reasonable effort to secure the enforcement of this subtitle, so that motor vehicle traffic in this State shall be reasonably and efficiently regulated with due regard to the convenience of persons using motor vehicles and the safety of the public in general. Said Commissioner shall have power to administer the oath prescribed by law in all cases in which he may deem the same necessary, in the performance of his duties, prescribed by this subsection.

#### DEFINITIONS.

132. Wherever the term "motor vehicle" is used in this subtitle, except when otherwise expressly provided, it shall be taken to include all vehicles, including motor bicycles or motorcycles propelled by any power other than muscular power, except such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks. The term "local authorities" shall include all officers of counties, cities, towns or villages, as well as all boards, committees and other public officials of such counties, cities, towns or villages. The term "State" as used in this subtitle, except when otherwise expressly provided and except in Section 140a, shall also include the Territories and Federal districts of the United