

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections to be known respectively as Sections 11½, 26½, 27½, 33½, 34½ and 44½, be, and the same are hereby added to Chapter 180 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of the year 1910, entitled "An Act to create and establish a Public Service Commission, and prescribing its powers and duties, and to provide for the regulation and control of public service corporations and public utilities, and making appropriations therefor;" said new Section 11½ to come in immediately after Section 1 of said Act, said new Section 26½ to come in immediately after Section 26 of said Act, said new Section 27½ to come in immediately after Section 27 of said Act, said new Section 33½ to come in immediately after Section 33 of said Act, said new Section 34½ to come in immediately after Section 34 of said Act, said new Section 44½ to come in immediately after Section 44 of said Act, and said several Sections to read respectively as follows:

SEC. 11½. The term "Common Carrier," when used in this Act, shall likewise include all automobile transportation companies, and all persons and associations of persons, whether incorporated or not, operating automobiles or motor cars, or motor vehicles, for public use in the conveyance of persons or property within this State; and every municipal corporation of this State engaged in the business of manufacturing and supplying or of supplying gas or electricity for other than municipal purposes shall be included within the terms "Gas corporation" and "Electrical corporation," as defined in the next preceding Section of this Act and shall be subject as other gas and electrical corporations are to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 26½. The provisions of the next preceding Section forbidding the construction by any common carrier, railroad corporation, or street railroad corporation, of a railroad or street railroad or any extension thereof, or the exercise by any such common carrier, railroad corporation, or street railroad corporation of any franchise or right under any provision of the railroad law or of any other law not lawfully exercised before the passage of this Act, without the permission and approval of the Commission first obtained, and empowering the Commission to grant such permission and approval whenever it shall after due hearing determine that such construction or such exercise of the franchise or privilege is necessary or convenient for the public service, shall likewise apply to the abandonment or discontinuance in whole or in part by any common carrier, rail-