

shall be taken to include every person operating a motor vehicle for hire, or as an employee of the owner thereof. The term "highway," "roads," "public highway" or "public roads" shall include any highway or thoroughfare of any kind used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise.

Public Vehicles Exempt.

135. All motor vehicles owned and used by the State or any City, Town, Village or County of this State and all road rollers, street sprinklers, street sweepers or cleaners or traction engines used for the hauling of agricultural machinery are hereby exempt from the provisions of this subtitle requiring the payment of registration fees, but all such vehicles, except road rollers, street sprinklers, street sweepers or cleaners and traction engines, shall display identification markers approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; but this exemption shall not be taken to apply to deputy sheriffs, constables, or to any other motor vehicles which are at times used for other than official purposes.

PART II.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

136. There shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate, one sober and discreet person who shall have been a registered voter in the State of Maryland for three consecutive years next preceding the date of his appointment, and who shall be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles"; and shall devote his time to the duties of such office. Said Commissioner shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency as in the case of other civil officers. Said Commissioner shall be appointed for two years, and the term of his office shall commence on the 1st Monday of May next ensuing his appointment. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), per annum, payable monthly. He shall be required to give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or such additional sum as the Governor may require, for the faithful performance of his duties. The Commissioner shall appoint such assistants and at such salaries as he may deem necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor. He shall maintain an