

PART III.

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND OPERATORS.

Registration of Motor Vehicles.

140. Every owner of one or more motor vehicles including motor-cycles, before the same shall be operated in this State, and except as hereinafter otherwise provided, shall fill in and file with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on a blank furnished by the Commissioner, an application for the registration of such motor vehicles, containing such information as shall be required by the Commissioner. The horse-power of all motor vehicles propelled by gas engines, except motor-cycles, shall be computed and recorded upon the following formula, and the annual registration fee, hereinafter provided for, paid in accordance therewith; square the diameter of the cylinder, multiply by the number of cylinders and divide by two and one-half. For all motor vehicles propelled by steam engine, the rating shall be based on the system of rating adopted by the United States Government. Should any other motor power be used, and in the case of motor vehicles having solid tires, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles is empowered to adopt such formula to govern their rating as he may deem proper. The said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles upon the payment of the registration fee hereinafter provided for, shall file such application in his office and register such motor vehicle, assigning to it a distinguishing number or mark, and shall thereupon issue to the owner thereof a certificate of registration which shall contain the name, place of residence and post office address of the owner, and the number or mark assigned to such motor vehicle. Such certificate shall be in convenient form, and shall at all times be carried upon such motor vehicle, and shall be subject to examination upon demand by any proper officer as hereinafter provided. Said Commissioner shall also, without expense to the applicant, issue and deliver to such owner two duplicate metal plates or markers bearing the letters "Md." and the number or mark assigned to such motor vehicle as aforesaid, the figures thereon to be not less than four inches high, and each stroke to be not less than one-half inch in width. Such plates or markers shall be of a distinctly different color or shade each year, to be designated and selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number plates and that of the numerals or letters thereon. In the case of motor-