

by the Commissioner and shall contain a full description of the motor vehicle, together with a statement of the applicant's title and of any liens or encumbrances upon said motor vehicle. The Commissioner shall use reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts stated in said application for a certificate of title are true, and if satisfied that the applicant is the lawful owner of such motor vehicle, or otherwise entitled to have the same registered in his name, shall thereupon issue an appropriate certificate over his signature and sealed with the seal of his office, procured and used for such purpose. Said certificate shall contain such description and other evidences of identification of said motor vehicle as the Commissioner may deem reasonably necessary and proper, together with a statement of any liens or encumbrances which the application may show to be thereon. The charge for each original certificate so issued shall be one dollar (\$1.00), which charge shall be in addition to the charge for the registration of such motor vehicle. Said certificate shall be good for the life of the car so long as the same is owned or held by the original holder of such certificate, and shall not have to be renewed annually. In the case of motor vehicles now owned and already registered in this State during the year 1920, an application for a certificate of title, accompanied by such evidences of ownership and liens as the Commissioner may require, shall be made within ninety (90) days after this Act becomes effective. Immediately upon the passage of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to cause to be printed copies of this section and Section 157-A of this Article, and to mail to every person to whom he has issued a certificate of registration for the year 1920, one of such printed copies accompanied by a specific notice that the title of such motor vehicle must be registered as herein provided. After the expiration of said ninety days, it shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for any person to operate in this State a motor vehicle under a Maryland registration number unless such certificate of title shall have been issued as herein provided. In the event of the sale or transfer of the ownership of a motor vehicle for which an original certificate of title has been issued as aforesaid, the original holders of such certificate shall endorse on the back of the same an assignment thereof with warranty of title in