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Section 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, upon the application of any motor vehicle owner for a permit to operate any motor vehicle for the public transportation of passengers over any specified route, to investigate the expediency of granting said permit; the number of motor vehicles to be used, and the rate to be charged, and if, in the judgment of the Public Service Commission, it is deemed best for public welfare and convenience that said permit should be granted, said Public Service Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to grant such permit subject to such reasonable conditions and terms, and for such duration of time, not exceeding the period of twenty years, as it may deem advisable, provided, however, that permits to operate over the streets of the City of Baltimore shall only be granted for periods of not less nor more than one year. But if said Public Service Commission deems the granting of such permit prejudicial to the welfare and convenience of the public, then the said Public Service Commission is hereby empowered and authorized to refuse the granting of the same. The said Public Service Commission of Maryland is further empowered and authorized to make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to govern the control and operation of same, and enforce the same by such penalties or forfeitures as it may prescribe, including the revocation of the permit granted under the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 4 of Chapter 714 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the year 1916 be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Section 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, upon the application of any motor vehicle owner for a permit to operate any motor vehicle for the public transportation of merchandise or freight over any specified route to investigate the expediency of granting said permit, the number of motor vehicles to be used, and the rate to be charged, and if, in the judgment of the Public Service Commission, it is deemed best for the public welfare and convenience that said permit should be granted, said Public Service Commis-