

application for registration has been made. Such computation shall be based upon the mileage to be traversed by said motor vehicles upon all highways having a hard, smooth surface, composed of gravel, shells, crushed stone, concrete, paving blocks, asphalt, other similar substances. The State Roads Commission shall have authority, in disputed cases, to determine which roads and streets upon which such motor vehicles are to be operated should be included in the computation. The State Roads Commission, after making such computation, shall forthwith certify the same to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, whereupon the fee shown to be payable by said computation shall immediately be paid by such motor vehicle owner to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

252. All motor vehicles, except when used exclusively for the transportation of pupils to and from public and/or private schools, operating for hire over the improved Roads and Streets of this State or of any county or municipality thereof on regular schedules or between fixed termini, including those used by corporations, groups of individuals and associations engaged in the transportation of their stockholders, shareholders or members, whether on the cooperative plan or otherwise, shall be subject to the provisions of this sub-title, except that the public duties of a common carrier shall not thereby be imposed on the owner of any such vehicle not actually engaged in public transportation.

253. *Except as hereinafter provided*, each and every such motor vehicle so registered shall operate only on the route and schedule set forth in said application during the year for which said license is issued. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, upon the presentation of a permit from the Public Service Commission of Maryland, authorizing the motor vehicle owner to operate on a certain route, to furnish the motor vehicle owner with a distinguishing plate or marker. No such motor vehicle owner shall change said schedule or route of his motor vehicle during any year for which a certificate has been issued, without a permit, in writing, made in duplicate, from the Public Service Commission of Maryland, a copy of which shall be sent to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles before said schedule is changed, whereupon a proper readjustment of charges shall be made upon the basis aforesaid. But nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to prevent an owner or operator of such regularly licensed vehicles from replacing in an emergency such vehicles by a substitute vehicle in order to maintain the schedule approved as herein provided or in an emergency from operating, temporarily, reserve vehicles on