

CHAPTER 485.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 361 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission," relating to taxicabs or other motor vehicles, used in the public transportation of passengers within the State of Maryland, and classifying such taxicabs and motor vehicles as common carriers, and to add six new sections regulatory of taxicabs to said Article, to be known as 361A, 361B, 361C, 361D, 361E and 361F, and to follow immediately after said Section 361 of said Article.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 361 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

361. This sub-title shall apply to taxicabs used in the public transportation of passengers within the State of Maryland; and said taxicabs are hereby classified as common carriers, and, as such, are hereby made subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and to all the provisions of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Corporations," sub-title "Public Service Commission," relating to common carriers, and to all other provisions of the laws of the State of Maryland relating to common carriers so far as the provisions of said Article, title and sub-title, and of said other provisions of said laws of the State of Maryland may be reasonably applicable to taxicabs. The term "taxicab" shall embrace any motor vehicle for hire, designed to carry seven persons or less, including driver, operated upon any public street or highway in this State, or, on call or demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between such points along public streets or highways in this State, as may be directed by the passenger or passengers so being transported; provided that nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to include as a taxicab, a motor vehicle operated, with the approval of the Public Service Commission, on fixed routes and schedules.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That six new sections are hereby added to Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Mary-