

as aforesaid, the figures thereon to be not less than three inches high, and each stroke to be not less than one-quarter 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 motorcycles, one number plate or marker shall be furnished, the letters and figures thereon to be at least one inch high, one-eighth of an inch in width.

The certificate provided for in this section and the right to use the number plate or marker aforesaid shall expire at midnight on March 31st of each and every year; provided, however, that between the 15th day of March and 31st day of March next following both inclusive in each and every year it shall be lawful to carry a registration certificate and to display the number plate or marker of either the current or the next ensuing year.

Fines. Any person who fails to carry the certificate of registration provided for by this section, and any person who obtains a registration marker and a certificate of registration by misrepresentation, or changes the name, number or any identifying information appearing on any certificate of registration, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense.

The provisions of this section shall apply both to the operator and also to the owner who causes his motor vehicle to be operated without the certificate as herein provided for.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1939.

Approved May 3, 1939.

CHAPTER 170.

(House Bill 350)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 240 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County", sub-title "County Commissioners and Treasurer", sub-heading "Social Welfare Work", as said section was amended by Chapter 444