

218A. Whenever, pursuant to or by reason of any direction or order of any agency of the Government of the United States or of the State of Maryland, the owner of any motor vehicle registered under the provisions of Section 218 of this sub-title discontinues the operation of said vehicle, or reduces the mileage operation of said vehicle, or eliminates any route over which said vehicle is licensed to operate, or reduces the passenger capacity of said vehicle, or in any other manner curtails the operation of said vehicle, such owner, at any time on or after such direction or order has become effective, (a) may, in the event the operation of said vehicle is discontinued, surrender the registration tags issued for such motor vehicle, and may thereupon apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for and shall be entitled to a refund of the fee paid for registration of such motor vehicle pro rata for the unused portion of such year, or (b) may, in the event the route mileage or passenger capacity of said vehicle is reduced, or any route over which said vehicle is licensed to operate is eliminated, or the operation of said vehicle is in any other manner curtailed, apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for, on forms by him to be prescribed, showing the nature and extent of such reduction of operation or passenger capacity, elimination of route or other curtailment, and shall be entitled to, a refund of the difference between the fee actually paid for the registration of said vehicle and the fee which would otherwise have been required to be paid for the registration of said vehicle calculated on the basis of the passenger seat-miles theretofore traveled by said vehicle, plus the passenger seat-miles which it is shown by such application for refund said vehicle will travel in the remaining portion of such year.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 6, 1943.

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CHAPTER 836.

(Senate Bill 442)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments. Section 77 of Article 9 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Mary-