

any local law, ordinance or regulation upon any subject for which provision is made in this Article, nor require any registration or licensing of motor vehicles or operators thereof in addition to the registration and licensing herein prescribed, nor impose upon the owner or operator of any motor vehicle any tax, registration fee, license fee, assessment or charge of any kind for the use of a motor vehicle upon any public highway or highways of this State.

The provisions of this Article (except as herein otherwise specifically provided) are intended to be exclusive of all local and municipal legislation or regulations, upon the various subjects with which this Article purports to deal, and all Public Local Laws, Ordinances and Regulations inconsistent or identical therewith or equivalent thereto are hereby repealed; and the charters of all Municipal Corporations of this State are modified so as to prohibit such corporations from making or enforcing any ordinance or regulations in violation of this Article.

Except as otherwise herein specifically provided, nothing in this Article shall be taken in any way to add to or detract from the right of any person injured in his person or property by the negligent operation of a motor vehicle to sue and recover damages as in the case of the negligent use or operation of other vehicles, and the violation of any provision of this Article shall not be taken to give any right of action to any individual who would not be entitled to the same in the absence of such provision, except as is otherwise herein specifically provided.

No provision of this Article shall be deemed as repealed by any act hereafter passed unless said provision is expressly referred to and repealed in terms or some other clear evidence given of the intent on the part of the General Assembly to change the policy of the State herein declared.

## DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES

2. DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES: (a) The following words and phrases when used in this Article shall, for the purpose of this Article, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except as hereinafter specifically provided.

(1) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES: Vehicles of the fire department, salvage department, police vehicles, and such ambulances and emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public service corporations as are designated or authorized by the Commissioner or the Chief of Police of an incorporated city.