

sent of the Senate a competent person, who shall have been a registered voter in the State of Maryland for three consecutive years next preceding the date of his appointment and who shall be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles," and shall devote his time to the duties of such office. Said Commissioner shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency as in the case of other civil officers. Said Commissioner shall be appointed for four years, and the term of his office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive such salary as shall be provided for in the State Budget. He shall be required to give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or such additional sum as the Governor may require, for the faithful performance of his duties.

5. ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT. The Commissioner shall organize the department in such manner as he may deem necessary properly to segregate and conduct the work of the Department.

6. COMMISSIONER TO APPOINT SUBORDINATES. The Commissioner subject to the approval of the Governor and subject to the Maryland Merit System laws shall appoint a Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and such deputies, subordinate officers, clerks, inspectors, and other employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article. The salaries of all such appointees shall be fixed by the Commissioner subject to the approval of the Governor, as provided by the State Budget.

7. MERIT SYSTEM PROVISIONS. For the purpose of the creation of the Department of Motor Vehicles under this Article, the Deputy Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Registrar of Titles, the Auditor, Operating License Examiners, the Supervising Motor Vehicle License Examiner and all other employees now employed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under the Maryland Merit System Law shall be transferred under the same Maryland Merit System classification, from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Motor Vehicles as defined in this Article, and shall be employed by the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with the aforesaid classification until and unless removed in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System.

8. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER. (a) The Commissioner is hereby vested with the power and is charged