

it finds is not properly equipped or conducted. The Department shall maintain and post, at the office of the Department, lists of all stations holding permits.

(d) There shall be at least one inspection station in each legislative district in the City of Baltimore and at least one in each of the election districts of the several counties.

243. DEPARTMENT TO REQUIRE PERIODICAL INSPECTION. (a) The Department may at least once each year, but not more frequently than twice each year by public announcement designate a period of not to exceed 3 months during which all resident owners of motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers must submit such vehicles to inspection and approval duly issued by an official station. Thereafter for a period of 3 months every resident owner of any said vehicle must display a certificate of inspection and approval duly issued for such vehicle either upon the lower right-hand corner of the windshield thereof when required by the Department or upon such vehicle in such position as to be visible from the outside.

(b) The Department may authorize the acceptance in this State of a certificate of inspection and approval issued in another State having a similar inspection law and may extend the time within which a certificate shall be obtained by the resident owner of a vehicle which was not in this State during the time an inspection was required.

(c) The Department may suspend the registration of any vehicle which it determines is in such unsafe condition as to constitute a menace to safety or which after notice and demand is not equipped as required in this article or for which a required certificate has not been obtained.

244. OPERATION OF OFFICIAL INSPECTION STATIONS. (a) No permit for an official station shall be assigned or transferred or used at any locations other than therein designated and every said permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the location designated.

(b) The person operating an official inspection station shall issue a certificate of inspection and approval upon an official form to the owner of a vehicle upon inspecting such vehicle and determining that its equipment required hereunder is in good condition and proper adjustment, otherwise no certificate shall be issued. When required by the Department, record and report shall be made of every inspection and every certificate so issued.

(c) Certificates of inspection and approval, numbered serially, shall be issued to official inspection stations by the Depart-