lations for the operation of taxicabs in said City and for the registration and fixing requirements for the owners and operators of taxicabs so as to protect the safety, health and general welfare of said City and its residents, citizens and occupants, provided said regulations are not in conflict with the laws of the State of Maryland, and regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

The Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick shall be empowered to request the aid of the Public Service Commission of Maryland in the determination of rates which may be established under this Article, and the Public Service Commission of Maryland shall be empowered to extend such aid as may be requested from time to time by the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick in the determination of rates so far as such aid is consistent with the statutory powers conferred upon said Commission by the laws of Maryland.

The violation of any of the provisions of such ordinance or ordinances shall be considered a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before a trial magistrate of said City, or other competent Court, the offender shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding $25.00 for each offense and in default of payment of the fine, to imprisonment for not exceeding 25 days.

460B. The word "taxicab" when used in this sub-title, shall mean a taxicab as defined in Section 361 of Article 23 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved March 29, 1945.

CHAPTER 501.

(House Bill 391)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 144 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", relating to interference with official traffic-control devices or railroad signs or signals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 144 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and it is