

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all Public Local Laws, Ordinances and Regulations inconsistent or identical therewith or equivalent thereto are hereby repealed; and the charters of all Municipal Corporations of this State are modified so as to prohibit such corporations from making or enforcing any ordinance or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No provision of this Article shall be deemed as repealed by any act hereafter passed unless said provision is expressly referred to and repealed in terms or some other clear evidence given of the intent on the part of the General Assembly to change the policy of the State herein declared.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no Public Local Laws heretofore enacted and no municipal ordinance or regulation heretofore adopted or passed under authority conferred by any such Public Local Laws, relating to the regulation or operation of taxicabs, shall be deemed to be invalid on the ground that such acts contravened the policy of the State as to the regulation of taxicabs and taxicab operators. It is hereby declared that it was not the legislative intent that Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ should preclude the enactment of local laws for the regulation of taxicabs and taxicab operators.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 22, 1949.

CHAPTER 323

(House Bill 73)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 99 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling," relating to appeals