

seven persons or less, including driver, operated upon any public street or highway in the Seventh Election District of Cecil County, or, on call or demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between such points along the public streets and highways in the Seventh Election District of Cecil County, as may be directed by the passenger or passengers so being transported; provided that nothing in this sub-title shall be construed to include as a taxicab, a motor vehicle operated, with the approval and under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, on fixed routes and schedules.

453(a). No person, association or corporation shall, on or after July 1, 1951, operate a taxicab or taxicabs, in the Seventh Election District of Cecil County, except as hereinafter provided, unless such person, association or corporation shall be a resident of Cecil County, shall have first obtained a license from the County Commissioners of Cecil County to operate such taxicab, or taxicabs and shall have paid therefor an annual license fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the first such taxicab and Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each additional taxicab. Such license shall be issued only after written application for the same shall have been made to the County Commissioners of Cecil County. And it shall be the duty of the Commissioners, upon such application, to investigate the expediency of granting such license, the number of taxicabs to be used, and the rate to be charged, and, if in the judgment of the Commissioners, it is deemed best for the public welfare and convenience that said license should be granted, said Commissioners are hereby empowered and authorized to grant such license subject to such conditions and terms, and for such duration of time, not exceeding the period of one year, as they may deem advisable. But if the said County Commissioners deem the granting of such license prejudicial to the welfare and convenience of the public, then the said Commissioners are hereby empowered and authorized to refuse the granting of the same.

(b) The said County Commissioners of Cecil County are further empowered and authorized to make such rules and regulations, including the fixing of the rates to be charged, with the approval of the Public Service Commission, as they may deem necessary to govern the control and operation of taxicabs and to enforce the same by such penalties or forfeitures as they may reasonable prescribe, including the suspension or revocation for reasonable cause or causes, after investigation and hearing, of any license granted under the provisions of this sub-title; any person,