

19A to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, making certain carriers of inflammable or combustible liquids, in bulk, in tank vehicles and for compensation subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, as common carriers and providing for the protection of the public from dangers incident to the operation of such carriers, and relating generally to the operations of such carriers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Public Service Commission", said new section to be known as Section 19A, to follow immediately after Section 19 of said Article, and to read as follows:*

*19A. (a) This section shall apply to all carriers of inflammable or combustible liquids, in bulk, in tank vehicles, using the public streets or highways within the State of Maryland; and said carriers are on and after June 1, 1954, made subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Public Service Commission of Maryland in accordance with the provisions of this section. The term "Carrier of inflammable or combustible liquids, in bulk, in tank vehicles" shall embrace any company, corporation, association, person or partnership transporting inflammable or combustible liquids, in bulk, in tank vehicles, for compensation over the public streets or highways of this State, but shall not include private carriers whose principal business is other than transporting inflammable or combustible liquids for hire. The term "inflammable or combustible liquids" shall embrace any liquid which will give off inflammable vapors at or below 250 degrees Fahrenheit, and any liquid which, when mixed with wood, sawdust, rags, or similar organic substances, causes spontaneous heating and ignition.*

*(b) No such carrier shall on or after September 1, 1954, operate over the public streets or highways within the State of Maryland until such carrier shall have obtained a permit from the Public Service Commission to operate as a carrier of inflammable or combustible liquids, in bulk, in tank vehicles. Such permit shall be issued only after written application for the same shall have been made to the Commission; and it shall be the duty of the Commission, before issuing such permit, to investigate the expediency of granting such permit and to require satisfactory proof that the applicant has complied with all safety requirements prescribed by the Commission and has either (1) taken out a*