

sively on a route, one fixed terminus of which is within the corporate limits of any municipality of this State or of any territory under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government and the other fixed terminus of said route is not more than sixteen miles from the corporate limits of any such municipality or of any such territory. For each such motor vehicle, including reserve and substitute vehicles, an annual fee shall be paid to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for certificates of registration issued by him, of Six Dollars (\$6.00) per each passenger seat, and no other additional fees, licenses or tax, shall be charged by the State or any county or municipal subdivision of the State, except the property tax and gasoline tax in respect to such vehicles and their operation. For each such motor vehicle, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall furnish a distinctive marker or tag, which marker or tag shall be carried and displayed in such manner as directed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

173. (Passenger vehicles, refunds.)

The license, or registration fees, charged under this subtitle for passenger motor vehicles, except in case of seasonal permits, shall be on the basis of the entire year but may be issued on or after the first day of November, in any year, for the remainder of the year, expiring on the 30th day of April, in which event one-half of the yearly fee shall be paid. No portion of the license or registration fee paid as aforesaid will be refunded for any part of the year during which said license is not used, provided, however, that reductions in said fee occasioned by change of route or schedule or abandonment of route, shall be allowed as a credit upon all sums payable by such motor vehicle owner, in the course of the current calendar year, for excess mileage of any motor vehicle registered in the name of such owner under the provisions of this sub-title; and provided further that, whenever, pursuant to or by reason of any direction or order of any agency of the Government of the United States or of the State of Maryland, the owner of any such passenger motor vehicle discontinues the operation of said vehicle, or reduces the mileage operation of said vehicle, or eliminates any route over which said vehicle is licensed to operate, or reduces the passenger capacity of said vehicle, or in any other manner curtails the operation of said vehicle, such owner, at any time on or after such direction or order has become effective, (a) may, in the event the operation of said vehicle is discontinued, surrender the registration tags issued for such motor vehicle, and may thereupon apply to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for and shall be entitled to a refund of the fee paid for registration of such motor vehicle pro rata for the unused portion of such year, or (b) shall be entitled, in the event the route mileage or passenger capacity of said vehicle is reduced, or any route over which said vehicle is licensed to operate is eliminated, or the operation of said vehicle is in any other manner curtailed, on application to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, on forms by him to be prescribed, showing the nature and extent of such reduction of operation or passenger capacity, elimination of route or other curtailment, to a refund of the difference between the fee actually paid for the registration of said vehicle and the fee which would otherwise have been required to be paid for the registration of said vehicle calculated on the basis of the passenger seat-miles theretofore traveled by said vehicle, plus the passenger seat-miles which it is shown