

211. *The term "Taxicabs" as used in this sub-title shall embrace any motor vehicle for hire designed to carry seven persons or less, including the driver, operated upon any street or public highway in St. Mary's County or, on call or on demand, accepting or soliciting passengers indiscriminately for transportation for hire between such points along public streets or highways in St. Mary's 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 of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, on fixed routes and schedules.*

212. *In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County and other persons who may use taxicab facilities therein, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hereby authorized and empowered to enact, amend and repeal resolutions, to fix requirements for ownership and operation of taxicabs in St. Mary's County and to provide for inspection and licensing of taxicabs, their owners and operators. The regulation herein provided for the taxicab industry in St. Mary's County shall be in addition to any regulation by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Maryland or the Public Service Commission of Maryland. Any person, firm or corporation subject to this sub-title who shall be aggrieved by any resolution of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, enacted pursuant to the authority herein conferred, may commence an action in the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County against the County Commissioners to vacate and set aside any such resolution on the ground that the regulation, practice, act or service established by such resolution is unreasonable or unlawful. The decision of the Circuit Court shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals of Maryland by either party, provided such appeal is entered within twenty days after the judgment of the Circuit Court is rendered.*

212A. (a) *Any person, firm or corporation violating any resolution promulgated under the authority of Section 212 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$250.00 for each offense. In addition, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, upon proof of any violation of any ordinance promulgated under Section 212 shall have authority to revoke or suspend any license issued under the authority of Section 212 after according reasonable opportunity to the licensee to be heard.*

(b) *If any provision, clause, sentence, phrase, or part of this sub-title, or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this sub-title and the application of such provision to other persons, firms and corporations and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.*

Approved March 28, 1957.