

(b) The provisions of Sections 259U-259AD, inclusive, of this sub-title are severable, and if any of such provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.*

Approved April 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 539

(Senate Bill 572)

AN ACT to repeal Sections 412 through 430, inclusive, of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Road Tax on Motor Carriers," and Sections 465 through 477 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Compact on Taxation of Motor Fuels Consumed by Interstate Buses," and to enact new Sections 412 through 429, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed, to provide for a payment of a road tax by commercial carriers within this State and to provide generally for the regulations, definitions, enforcement, credits and audits of this subtitle by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 412 through 430, inclusive, of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Road Tax on Motor Carriers," and Sections 465 through 477 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Compact on Taxation of Motor Fuels Consumed by Interstate Buses," be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 412 through 429, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the sections repealed, and to read as follows:*

412. DEFINITIONS

(a) The term "Motor Fuel" means any liquid, regardless of its composition or properties, used to propel a motor vehicle.

(b) The term "Commercial motor vehicle" means a passenger vehicle that has seats for more than nine passengers in addition to the driver, or any road tractor, or any truck tractor or any truck having more than two axles; which commercial motor vehicle is propelled by motor fuel.

(c) The term "Motor Carrier" means any person who operates or causes to be operated any commercial motor vehicle on any highway in this state.

(d) The term "Highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part