

116(c), (d), (f), 117(a), ~~118, 138, 139, and 140~~ of the same article, title and subtitle, to delete certain provisions requiring the filing of proof of insurance for vehicles operated for hire ~~and to delete certain provisions requiring the filing of proof of insurance for certain operators of motor vehicles.~~

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 116(a), (b), (e), (g), 117(b), (c), (d), (e), ~~119(2), (4)(a), 112(a), and 137(a)~~ of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility," be and they are repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that Sections 116(c), (d), (f), 117(a), ~~118, 138, 139, and 140~~ be and they are hereby repealed, all to read as follows:

116.

(a) No person, or any officer, agent, servant or employee of such person shall operate, or cause, permit, or suffer any taxicab not operating under permit of the Public Service Commission or any commercial **[motor]** vehicle for hire, to operate in either interstate commerce or intrastate commerce over any street or highway of this State in the transportation of passengers or property for hire, **[without first obtaining a permit from the Department]** *unless such vehicle is covered by the minimum amounts of financial responsibility as required by this Article, issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in this State.*

(b) The Department shall not **[grant or issue such permit nor]** register such **[motor]** vehicle until such person has **[first filed with]** *certified* to the Department, proof of financial responsibility as required by this article and such **[proof]** *certification* has been accepted by the Department, and the Department shall **[revoke]** *suspend* the registration of any such motor vehicle **[and any permit issued to the owner thereof]** whenever the Department ascertains that such owner has failed, or is unable, to maintain such proof of financial responsibility.

**[(e)]** (c) Any person violating the **[provisions]** of subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars not more than five hundred dollars.

**[(g)]** (d) This section shall not apply to the owners and operators of motor vehicles engaged in the transportation of passengers or property, subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, who operate 50 or more motor vehicles and have shown to the satisfaction of said Commission, during a continuous operation of at least five years duration, that they are financially qualified to respond in damages to at least the extent required of other motor vehicle operators by Sections 116 to 149, inclusive, of this article, or to the owners and operators of motor vehicles operating under certificate or permit of the Interstate Commerce Commission who file with the Department of Motor Vehicles an affidavit to the effect that their operations are solely interstate under the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve those operating under Interstate Commerce Commission exemption, or an intrastate basis, from filing evidence of insurance as specified.