

Subtitle 8

*Owners of For-Rent Vehicles, Taxicabs and
Commercial Motor Vehicles for Hire**Part I—For-Rent Vehicles*

§ 8-101. *Owners of for-rent vehicles to certify proof of financial responsibility.*

(a) *The Department shall not register any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to be rented, unless and until the person owning such vehicle shall certify financial responsibility as provided by this article, and such certification has been accepted by the Department, and the Department shall suspend the registration of any such vehicle whenever the Department ascertains that such owner has failed, or is unable, to maintain such proof of financial responsibility.*

(b) *Certification required under this section shall cover every person using or operating a vehicle under a rental agreement and shall also cover the person owning such motor vehicle.*

(c) *Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.*

§ 8-102. *Omitted.*

§ 8-103. *Renting motor vehicles to another.*

(a) *No person shall rent a motor vehicle or trailer to any person for operation unless the person who will operate the rented motor vehicle or trailer is duly licensed hereunder or, in the case of a non-resident, duly licensed under the laws of the state of his residence; provided that state requires an examination for qualification to operate a motor vehicle and in which state residents of Maryland are given the same privilege.*

(b) *No person shall rent a motor vehicle or trailer to any other person for operation until the person in possession of the motor vehicle or trailer to be rented has inspected the driver's license of the person by whom the motor vehicle or trailer is to be operated and compared and verified the signature thereon with the signature of the person written in his presence and compared and verified the physical description thereon with the physical description of the person.*

(c) *Every person renting a motor vehicle or trailer to another shall keep a record of the registration number of the motor vehicle or trailer rented or, if only a trailer is rented, the registration number of the trailer and the motor vehicle used to haul the trailer, the name and address of the person to whom the motor vehicle or trailer is rented, the number of the driver's license of the person who is to operate the motor vehicle or haul the trailer and the date and place of issuance of the driver's license. The record shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or employee of the department.*

Part II—Taxicabs and Commercial Motor Vehicles for Hire

§ 8-201. *Taxicabs not operating under permit of Public Service Commission and commercial motor vehicles for hire.*

(a) *No person, or any officer, agent, servant or employee of such person shall operate, or cause, permit, or suffer any taxicab not*