

*operating under permit of the Public Service Commission or any commercial 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, 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 register such vehicle until such person has certified to the Department, proof of financial responsibility as required by this article and such certification has been accepted by the Department, and the Department shall suspend the registration of any such motor vehicle whenever the Department ascertains that such owner has failed, or is unable, to maintain such proof of financial responsibility.*

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

*(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 the 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 Part III of subtitle 7 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.*

### *Subtitle 9. Civil Liability*

#### *Part I—Liability of Government Agencies*

§ 9-101. *Omitted.*

§ 9-102. *Liability of State and local government for commandeered vehicles.*

*(a) No police officer of this State, or of any political subdivision of this State, while acting within the scope of his authority in the enforcement of any law of the State or of the particular political subdivision, shall direct or order any operator, owner, or passenger of any motor vehicle within the limits of this State to assist him by commandeering the vehicle and directing the operator, owner, or passenger to participate in a road block in the apprehension of any person suspected of having committed or known to have committed a violation of law.*

*(b) If any police officer of this State, or of any political subdivision of the State, while acting within the scope of his authority*