

heretofore or hereafter enacted, no city, county or other municipal subdivision of the State shall have the right to make or enforce any local law, ordinance, or regulation upon any subject for which provision is made in this article, or require any registration or licensing of motor vehicles or operators thereof in addition to the registration and licensing herein prescribed, or impose upon the owner or operator of any motor vehicle any tax, registration fee, license fee, assessment, or charge of any kind for the use of a motor vehicle upon any public highway or highways in this State.

(b) The provisions of this article (except as herein otherwise specifically provided) are intended to be exclusive of all local and municipal legislation or regulations, upon the various subjects with which this article purports to deal, and all public local laws, ordinances, and regulations inconsistent or identical therewith or equivalent thereto are hereby repealed; and the charters of all municipal corporations of this State are modified so as to prohibit the municipal corporations from making or enforcing any ordinance or regulations in violation of this article.

(c) Except as otherwise herein specifically provided, nothing in this article shall be taken in any way to add to or detract from the right of any person injured in his person or property by the negligent operation of a motor vehicle to sue and recover damages as in the case of the negligent use or operation of other vehicles and the violation of any provision of this article shall not be taken to give any right of action to any individual who would not be entitled to it in the absence of the provision, except as is otherwise herein specifically provided.

(d) No provision of this article shall be deemed as repealed by any act hereafter passed unless the provision is expressly referred to and repealed in terms or some other clear evidence given of the intent on the part of the General Assembly to change the policy of the State herein declared.

(e) No public local laws heretofore enacted and no municipal ordinance or regulation heretofore adopted or passed under authority conferred by a public local law, relating to the regulation or operation of taxicabs, shall be deemed to be invalid on the ground that the acts contravened the policy of the State as to the regulation of taxicabs and taxicab operators.

§ 15-102. Powers of local authorities.

(a) The provisions of this article shall not be deemed to prevent local authorities with respect to streets and highways under their jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of the police power from:

- (1) Regulating the standing or parking of vehicles;
- (2) Regulating traffic by means of police officers or official traffic-control devices;
- (3) Regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblages on the highways;
- (4) Designating particular highways as one-way highways and requiring that all vehicles thereon be moved in one specific direction;