

terminus in the District of Columbia OR ANY MUNICIPALITY OF MARYLAND ~~in order to prevent double taxation.~~ IN ORDER TO SUBJECT THESE VEHICLES TO THE AXLE TAX.

WHEREAS, Buses having a fixed terminus in the District of Columbia are required to pay a yearly seat tax of \$5.00 per seat per vehicle for their operation in Maryland, ~~as well as a yearly axle tax of \$180.00 per vehicle,~~ while all other buses operating in the State of Maryland pay only the axle tax of \$180.00 per vehicle. This ~~double~~ taxation is discriminatory, arbitrary and not in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Maryland who are served by these buses and who are actually paying said tax through their fares.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 275 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1969 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Tax for Use and Maintenance of Roads," ~~be and it is hereby repealed.~~ AND THAT SECTION 273 (A) OF THE SAID ARTICLE AND SUBTITLE OF THE CODE BE AND IT IS HEREBY REPEALED AND RE-ENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

§275.

The license fee prescribed by Section 273 shall not be applicable to any motor vehicle when such vehicle is operated exclusively on a route one fixed terminus of which is within the corporate limits of any territory under the jurisdiction of the federal government or of any municipality of this State, and the other fixed terminus of said route is not more than ten miles from the corporate limits of any such municipality or territory. For each such motor vehicle, including reserve and substitute vehicles, an annual fee shall be paid to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for certificates of registration issued by him, of five dollars (\$5.00) per each passenger seat, and no other additional fees, licenses or tax, shall be charged by the State or any county or municipal subdivision of the State, except the property tax and gasoline tax in respect to such vehicles and their operation. For each such motor vehicle, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall furnish a distinctive marker or tag, which marker or tag, shall be carried and displayed in such manner as directed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.】

273.

(A) IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF EACH OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE USED IN THE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS FOR HIRE OPERATING OVER STATE, STATE-AID, IMPROVED COUNTY ROADS, AND STREETS AND ROADS OF INCORPORATED TOWNS AND CITIES IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND:

(1) TO SECURE A PERMIT FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE REGULATORY AGENCY, TO OPERATE OVER SAID ROADS AND STREETS; (2) TO PRESENT SAME TO THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES ANNUALLY, AT THE TIME AND ACCORDING TO THE METHOD AND PROVISIONS PRE-