

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

(3) "EQUIPMENT" MEANS ANY PART OF A VEHICLE OR ANY ACCESSORY FOR USE THEREON WHICH AFFECTS THE SAFETY OF OPERATION OF SUCH VEHICLE OR THE SAFETY OF THE OCCUPANTS.

ARTICLE III

THE COMMISSION

(A) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AN AGENCY OF THE PARTY STATES TO BE KNOWN AS THE "VEHICLE EQUIPMENT SAFETY COMMISSION" HEREINAFTER CALLED THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ONE COMMISSIONER FROM EACH PARTY STATE WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED, SERVE AND BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHICH HE REPRESENTS. IF AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF HIS PARTY STATE, A COMMISSIONER MAY PROVIDE FOR THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES AND THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS FUNCTIONS ON THE COMMISSION, EITHER FOR THE DURATION OF HIS MEMBERSHIP OR FOR ANY LESSER PERIOD OF TIME, BY AN ALTERNATE. NO SUCH ALTERNATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO SERVE UNLESS NOTIFICATION OF HIS IDENTITY AND APPOINTMENT SHALL HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION IN SUCH FORM AS THE COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE. EACH COMMISSIONER, AND EACH ALTERNATE, WHEN SERVING IN THE PLACE AND STEAD OF A COMMISSIONER, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMMISSION FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED IN ATTENDING COMMISSION MEETINGS OR WHILE ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION.

(B) THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE EACH ON THE COMMISSION. NO ACTION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE BINDING UNLESS TAKEN AT A MEETING AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES ON THE COMMISSION ARE CAST IN FAVOR THEREOF. ACTION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ONLY AT A MEETING AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OR THEIR ALTERNATES, ARE PRESENT.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE A SEAL.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT ANNUALLY, FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, A CHAIRMAN, A VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND A TREASURER. THE COMMISSION MAY APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FIX HIS DUTIES AND COMPENSATION. SUCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION, AND TOGETHER WITH THE TREASURER SHALL BE BONDED IN SUCH AMOUNT AS THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALSO SHALL SERVE AS SECRETARY. IF THERE BE NO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A SECRETARY IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER OFFICERS PROVIDED BY THIS SUBDIVISION.

(E) IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, PERSONNEL OR OTHER MERIT SYSTEM LAWS OF ANY OF THE PARTY STATES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION, OR THE COMMISSION IF THERE BE NO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,