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(b) All privately owned buses used [exclusively] ONLY for [the purpose of] operating the transportation system of any municipality or political subdivision in this State are exempted from the provisions of this subtitle requiring the payment of registration fees. The Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration shall issue certificates of registration and identification plates without charge or fee to buses qualifying under this subsection. Other additional fees, licenses or tax may not be charged by the State or any county or municipal subdivision of the State except [the excise tax for the issuance of every original certificate of title,] the property tax and gasoline tax in respect to these buses or their operation. However, these buses must be used for the transportation of the public [in] ON regular [route] SCHEDULES AND between fixed [points] TERMINI, AS THESE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN ~~§§ 11-148 AND 11-122~~ TITLE 11 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: The last sentence of subsection (b) is revised to conform to the language adopted in Transportation Article §13-810(a)(14), the source law to which was enacted by the same act (Ch. 896, Acts of 1976) as enacted present Art. 56, §184(b). See the revisor's notes to §§ 11-122, 11-148, and 13-810 of the Transportation Article. See, also, Art. 78, §32(a-1) of the Code.

In the third sentence of subsection (b) which prohibits the charge of additional fees and taxes, the present exception for "the excise tax for the issuance of every original certificate of title" is deleted. Ch. 896, Acts of 1976, amended present Art. 66 1/2, §3-831(e) - now, §13-810(a)(14) of the Transportation Article - expressly to exempt these vehicles from that excise tax. The use of the inconsistent phrase here apparently is the result of the draftsman's mechanical adoption verbatim of the language used in the last sentence of subsection (a) of this section, without recognizing the difference required by the exemption established in the same bill.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2(w) and 32(a-1) of Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement), be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law