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The County Inspector shall perform such duties of inspection or such other duties as may be required by law or may be directed of him by the County Commissioners or Board of License Commissioners, as the case may be, respecting taxicabs, building permits, alcoholic beverages, trailers and trailer camps.]

133-2.

In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Mary's County and other persons who may use taxicab facilities therein, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are hereby authorized and empowered to enact, amend and repeal resolutions, to fix requirements for ownership and operation of taxicabs in St. Mary's County and to provide for inspection and licensing of taxicabs, their owners and operators, provided that all necessary duties of inspection shall be performed by the office of County [Inspector] SHERIFF. The annual license fees set by the County Commissioners pursuant to the power given them by this section shall not be less than fifty dollars (\$50.) for the first taxicab owned and operated by any person and twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for each additional taxicab owned and operated by said person. The regulation herein provided for the taxicab industry in St. Mary's County shall be in addition to any regulation by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Maryland or the Public Service Commission of Maryland. However, any applicant seeking a license for a taxicab who has not been in the taxicab business in St. Mary's County for at least one (1) year prior to his application shall, before the County Commissioners pass upon his application, obtain a written permit from the Public Service Commission. Said permit shall be issued by the Public Service Commission only upon written application and only if in its judgment, after investigation, the granting of the permit would be for the public welfare and convenience. Any person, firm or corporation subject to this chapter who shall be aggrieved by any resolution of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, enacted pursuant to the authority herein conferred, may commence an action in the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County against the County Commissioners to vacate and set aside any such resolution on the ground that the regulation, practice, act or service established by such resolution is unreasonable or unlawful. The decision of the Circuit Court shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals of Maryland by either party, provided that such appeal is entered within twenty (20) days after the judgment of the Circuit Court is rendered.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.