

permits shall be in lieu of the road tax otherwise assessable against a motor carrier on account of vehicles operating therewith, and no reports of mileage shall be required with respect to such vehicles.

The above permit shall be issued in lieu of annual registration under this subtitle if a motor carrier is engaged in the operation of commercial MOTOR vehicles on Maryland highways no more than three times in any one registration year.

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(a) (1) All motor carriers shall register each of their vehicles with the Comptroller on an annual basis for the period beginning January 1 of each year and expiring December 31 of each year. The Comptroller shall issue an identification marker for each motor vehicle registered by a motor carrier. The identification marker shall be displayed in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Comptroller. The identification marker shall remain the property of the State of Maryland and may be recalled for any violation of the provisions of this subtitle or of the regulations promulgated thereunder. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE fee for the issuance of an identification marker is \$25.00 per COMMERCIAL MOTOR vehicle.

(2) THE FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTIFICATION MARKER IS \$10.00 PER MOTOR BUS.

[(d) Any motor carrier operating a registered vehicle, the registration of which is scheduled to expire on March 31, 1982, may extend the registration until December 31, 1982 by the payment of a fee of \$2.25 per vehicle.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act that relate to the issuance of a trip permit or an identification marker for a motor bus may not be construed to apply to a trip permit or an identification marker that is effective before January 1, 1986.

SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

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(Senate Bill 411)

AN ACT concerning