

~~(a) A motor carrier may obtain a trip permit which shall be good for one commercial motor vehicle for a period of {25} 15 consecutive days beginning and ending on the dates specified on the face of the permit. The fee for such a permit shall be {\$42} EQUAL TO THE CURRENT ROAD TAX PAYABLE ON 200 GALLONS OF MOTOR FUEL for a commercial motor vehicle. Fees for trip 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 trip 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.~~

~~(b) Whenever the Comptroller is satisfied that unforeseen or uncertain circumstances have arisen which require a motor carrier to operate in this State a commercial motor vehicle for which neither a trip permit under subsection (a) of this section nor an identification marker under § 423 of this article has yet been obtained and if the Comptroller is satisfied that prohibition of such operation would cause undue hardship, the Comptroller may provide the motor carrier with temporary authorization for the operation of such vehicle pending registration of the vehicle under § 423 of this article.~~

~~(c) The Comptroller shall provide by regulations for the procedures to be employed in issuing trip permits and for furnishing the motor carrier and vehicle in question with evidence of compliance with this subtitle.~~

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(a) The term "motor fuel" means any liquid, regardless of its composition or properties, used to propel a motor vehicle.

(b) The term "commercial motor vehicle" means [any of the following vehicles that are propelled by motor fuel:

(1) A passenger vehicle that has seats for more than 15 passengers in addition to the driver;

(2) A truck tractor as defined in § 11-172 of the Transportation Article;

(3) A truck having more than 2 axles;

(4) A truck with 2 axles operating in combination with a freight trailer or semitrailer as defined in § 13-927(c) of the Transportation Article, that has a registered or operating gross combination weight that exceeds 40,000 pounds; or