

(5) A motor bus as defined in subsection (g) of this section.] ANY MOTOR VEHICLE USED OR MAINTAINED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY THAT:

(1) HAS 2 AXLES AND AN OPERATING OR REGISTERED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT THAT EXCEEDS 26,000 POUNDS;

(2) HAS 3 OR MORE AXLES; OR

(3) IS USED IN COMBINATION WITH ANOTHER VEHICLE AND HAS AN OPERATING OR REGISTERED GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT THAT EXCEEDS 26,000 POUNDS.

423.

(a)-f-(1)-f- All motor carriers shall obtain an identification marker for each of their commercial vehicles from the Comptroller on an annual basis for the period beginning January 1 of each year and expiring December 31 of each year. 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 adopted under this subtitle. -f-Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the-f- THE AFTER JULY--17--1988--THE fee for the issuance of an identification marker is [~~\$25.00~~] \$5 \$7 per commercial motor vehicle.

-f-(2) The FOR 1988, THE fee for the issuance of an identification marker is \$10 per motor bus.-f-

(b) A vehicle shall not be considered in violation of the provisions of this section until January 15 of each year, provided that the motor carrier was registered in accordance with the provisions in effect during the preceding registration year.

425.

(a) Nothing in the subtitle shall apply to any commercial vehicle or vehicles operated by any state or subdivision thereof, the United States or any agency of two or more states or of states and the United States in which this State participates; or to any school bus as defined by the laws of this State operated by, for or on behalf of a state, any subdivision thereof, or any private or privately operated school or schools; or to any fire or rescue vehicle operated by any paid or volunteer fire company or department or rescue squad.

(b) Nothing in this subtitle applies to any commercial vehicle or vehicles being road tested for sale by a dealer licensed in Maryland, provided the vehicle displays dealers' registration plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration.