

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Transportation**

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Commercial motor vehicle" means any vehicle used in the taxable operations of a motor carrier under Title 9, Subtitle 2 of the Tax - General Article.

(3) "Motor carrier" means any person subject to the motor carrier tax under Title 9, Subtitle 2 of the Tax - General Article.

(b) A nonresident motor carrier that operates a commercial motor vehicle registered in another state may apply in writing to the Department of State Police for the benefits of subsection (d) of this section.

(c) (1) The Department of State Police shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(2) These rules and regulations shall include:

(i) The form of application to be used under this section;

(ii) Any requirements that the Department of State Police considers necessary to qualify an applicant for the benefits of subsection (d) of this section;

(iii) Standards and procedures for the approval, disapproval, renewal, suspension, and revocation of approved status under this section; and

(iv) Those provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law or other traffic laws or ordinances for which the benefits of subsection (d) of this section apply.

(d) If, for a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law, a police officer stops a commercial motor vehicle that belongs to a nonresident motor carrier approved under this section, the officer, in his determination of whether or not there is reasonable grounds to believe that the driver will disregard a traffic citation, shall consider the fact that compliance with the citation would be secured under this section.

(e) Failure to comply with a citation is grounds for:

(1) Forfeiture of the bond posted by the motor carrier under § 13-824 of the Tax - General Article; and

(2) Revocation of the registration and operating privileges issued to the motor carrier under Title 9, Subtitle 2 of the Tax - General Article.

(f) Notice of revocation sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the motor carrier at its last known address is sufficient notice that its registration and operating privileges are revoked under this section.