

(j) A person who violates any provision of this section or any regulation adopted by the Institute under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(k) This section preempts the authority of a county or municipal corporation to regulate any ambulance service with a base of operation located outside the county or municipal corporation that is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any unspent funds from the collection of ambulance service licensing fees held by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System as of June 30, 1999 shall be transferred to the Commercial Ambulance Services Fund and may not be transferred or revert to the General Fund of the State.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 36

(Senate Bill 59)

AN ACT concerning

Motor Carriers - Identification Markers and Permits

FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which a motor carrier qualifies for an identification marker by repealing a certain payment for each marker to the Comptroller; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the regulation of motor carriers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General

Section 9-219

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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