

of said commissioner during such absence or inability as aforesaid, and to receive such compensation *per diem* and give such bond as the governor may prescribe.

In addition to the specific duties imposed upon the commissioner of motor vehicles by the provisions of this sub-title, it shall be his duty faithfully to exercise every reasonable effort to secure the enforcement of this sub-title, so that motor vehicle traffic in this State shall be reasonably and efficiently regulated with due regard to the convenience of persons using motor vehicles and the safety of the public in general. Said commissioner shall have power to administer the oath prescribed by law in all cases in which he may deem the same necessary, in the performance of his duties, prescribed by this sub-section.\*

1904, art. 56, sec. 140. 1904, ch. 518, sec. 10. 1906, ch. 449, sec. 140.  
1910, ch. 207, sec. 132 (p. 170).

**134.** Wherever the term "motor vehicle" is used in this sub-title, except when otherwise expressly provided, it shall be taken to include all vehicles, including motor bicycles or motorcycles propelled by any power other than muscular power, except such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks. The term "local authorities" shall include all officers of counties, cities, towns or villages, as well as all boards, committees and other public officials of such counties, cities, towns or villages. The term "State" as used in this sub-title, except when otherwise expressly provided and except in section 143, shall also include the territories and federal districts of the United States. The term "owner" shall include any person, firm, association or corporation owning a motor vehicle or having the exclusive use thereof, under lease, hiring or rental thereof, or otherwise. The terms "highway," "roads," "public highway" or "public road" shall include any highway or thoroughfare of any kind used by the public, whether actually dedicated to the public and accepted by the proper authorities or otherwise.

See sec. 140.

*Ibid.* sec. 137. 1904, ch. 518, sec. 1. 1906, ch. 449, sec. 131.  
1910, ch. 207, sec. 133 (p. 171).

**135.** Every owner of one or more motor vehicles, including motorcycles, before the same shall be operated in this State and except as hereinafter otherwise provided, shall file with the commissioner of motor vehicles on a blank furnished by the commissioner an application for the registration of such motor vehicles, containing: (1) The name, residence and postoffice address of the applicant; (2) a brief description of each motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, including the name of the maker, the character of the motor power and the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horsepower as advertised by

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\*There may be some possible question as to whether the act of 1910, ch. 207 (p. 168), expressly repealed section 139 A of the act of 1906, ch. 449. The opinion is hazarded, however, that the act of 1910, does both expressly and impliedly repeal section 139 A, and hence, it is not codified.