

CHAPTER 563.

(Senate Bill 362)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Code of Public General Laws (1943 Supp.), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", relating to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the term of office and duties.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 4 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Code of Public General Laws (1943 Supp.), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

4. (Office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Created.) The Department shall be under the control of a civil executive officer to be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles". The Governor shall appoint by and with the consent of the Senate a competent person, who shall have been a registered voter in the State of Maryland for three consecutive years next preceding the date of his appointment and who shall be known as the "Commissioner of Motor Vehicles", and shall devote his time to the duties of such office. Said Commissioner shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency as in the case of other civil officers. Said Commissioner shall be appointed for four years, and the term of his office shall commence, except in the year 1947, as of June 1 next ensuing his appointment. The term of the present Commissioner shall expire on June 30, 1947, and the Governor shall appoint a new Commissioner as of July 1, 1947. He shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall receive such salary as shall be provided for in the State Budget. He shall be required to give bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or such additional sum as the Governor may require, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 16, 1947.