

## CHAPTER 707

(House Bill 190)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", relating to the term of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles appointed as of the first Monday in May, 1949.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 4 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title Administration—Registration—Titling", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment. Provided, that the term of the Commissioner appointed as of the first Monday in May, 1949, shall expire on the first Monday in May, 1951; and thereafter the terms shall be for four years, as provided hereinabove in this section. 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 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 6, 1949.