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CHAPTER 36

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Carriers - Identification Markers and Permits**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Tax - General  
9 Section 9-219  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Tax - General**

15 9-219.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a  
17 motor carrier shall obtain from the Comptroller an identification marker for each  
18 commercial motor vehicle of the motor carrier.

19 (2) A motor carrier that operates commercial motor vehicles on the  
20 highways of this State may obtain trip permits instead of markers.

1           (3)     A motor carrier that registers (tags) all intrastate commercial motor  
2 vehicles with the Motor Vehicle Administration for operation within the State is not  
3 required to obtain identification markers for those commercial motor vehicles to  
4 operate in the State.

5       (b)     To qualify for an identification marker, a motor carrier shall[:

6           (1)]     submit to the Comptroller an application on the form that the  
7 Comptroller requires[; and

8           (2)     pay to the Comptroller \$7 for each marker].

9       (c)     (1)     By regulation, the Comptroller shall establish procedures to issue  
10 trip permits and to provide evidence of compliance with this subtitle.

11           (2)     To qualify for a trip permit for a commercial motor vehicle, a motor  
12 carrier shall pay to the Comptroller an amount rounded to the nearest dollar equal to  
13 the current motor carrier tax payable on 174 gallons of special fuel for each  
14 commercial motor vehicle.

15           (3)     Fees for trip permits are in lieu of the motor carrier tax.

16       (d)     (1)     A commercial motor vehicle identification marker is effective on an  
17 annual basis from January 1 through December 31 of each year.

18           (2)     A trip permit is valid for the 15 consecutive days shown on the permit  
19 and only for the specific commercial motor vehicle shown on the permit.

20       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
21 effect January 1, 2001.