[seven] *five* years and thereafter until the Comptroller orders them to be destroyed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1956.

Approved March 2, 1956.

CHAPTER 56

(Senate Bill 104)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sub-section (d) of Section 28 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1955 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling", providing that ~~duly accredited diplomatic agents~~ CERTAIN FOREIGN CONSULAR OFFICERS of foreign states shall be exempt from the excise tax for the issuance of a certificate of title for a motor vehicle.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sub-section (d) of Section 28 of Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1955 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles," sub-title "Administration—Registration—Titling," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendements, to read as follows:

28.

(d) Certain certificates of title exempt from tax.—Certificates of title for all motor vehicles owned by the State of Maryland or any political sub-division of the State and for fire engines and other fire department emergency apparatus, including ambulances operated by or in connection with any fire department, and for ambulances held for the use of the public and owned by any bona fide unit of a national veterans' organization, and for ambulances owned and used by any Maryland chapter of the American Red Cross, and for all motor vehicles acquired for resale by any registered new or used car dealer from non-residents who are from states whose laws do not require title registration, *and for all motor vehicles owned by* ~~*any duly accredited ambassador, minister, consul, or vice consul to the United States presently representing the government of a foreign state,*~~ ANY FOREIGN CONSULAR OFFICER WHO IS A NATIONAL OF THE FOREIGN STATE APPOINTING HIM AND WHO IS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY BUSINESS, TRADE OR PROFESSION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES IF THERE IS IN FORCE AND EFFECT A TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FOREIGN STATE WHICH THE CONSUL REPRESENTS GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM TAXES ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, shall be exempt from the tax imposed by this section.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.