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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
AUGUSTA

June 19, 1935

Hon. Lewis O. Barrows  
Secretary of State  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

In response to your request for an interpretation of Chapter 131 of the Public Laws of 1935, entitled

"AN ACT Relating to Insurance of  
Motor Vehicles Carrying Passengers  
for Hire"

I am of the opinion that automobiles which are already registered must take out the insurance just as must those automobiles which are to be registered. That is to say, after the effective date of the Act, July 6, 1935, it will be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to operate or cause to be operated upon any public highway in the State of Maine any motor vehicle used for livery or hire (except as provided in Section 7 of Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes) unless the owner or owners shall have procured insurance in a sum not less than \$5000, or a bond having a surety company authorized to transact business in the state, or two individuals as sureties thereon in a like minimum sum. The insurance or bond to be approved by the Secretary of State and the bond or insurance conditioned as provided in chapter 131.

It is my opinion that you have no duty to perform with respect to those automobiles which are already registered except to approve the insurance or bond whenever such may be presented to you for ~~approval~~. That is to say, it is not incumbent upon you to call in all of the registrations where chapter 131 has not been complied with.

Very truly yours,

Attorney General

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