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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUGUSTA

March 10, 1936

Honorable Lewis O. Barrows
Secretary of State
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

Under date of March 10, you request of this office an opinion concerning the use of the word "Vacationland" on registration number plates, and you ask specifically,-

"Is it permissible for a registrant to operate a motor vehicle with 1936 registration number plates on which the word 'Vacationland' has been covered up, painted over or otherwise obliterated?"

According to the provisions of Chapter 162 of the Public Laws of 1925, it is obligatory for the Secretary of State to provide number plates and, "Such plates issued for passenger vehicles for private use, hire cars and trucks there shall be placed at the bottom thereof in letters not less than 3/4 inch in height, the word 'Vacationland'."

It is obvious from the provision of law that the Legislature intended that all such registration plates should bear the word "Vacationland". It is not permissible for anyone to paint over, cover up or otherwise obliterate the word. The intention of the Legislature is perfectly clear and there can be no doubt.

Very truly yours,

Attorney General

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