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June 5, 1941

Pearce J. Francis, Insurance Commissioner

Re: Privately owned car used in his employment and insured in his own name, by a State employee

Referring to my letter of June 2, 1941, in which I requested information relative to the signing of releases in case of an accident in which such car has been involved. . . as I understand it, the ruling of the Insurance Department that such privately owned cars should be insured in the name of the owner and the State of Maine was not founded upon any definite statutory provision; that the ruling was designed to establish a policy which seemed advisable to protect the State from any contingent liability which might arise in any case wherein such a privately owned car might be involved.

In my opinion it will be perfectly proper for the head of the employing Department to sign releases in the name of the State of Maine.

LeRoy R. Folsom
Assistant Attorney General