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March 26, 1946

Stanton S. Weed, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles

Re: Registration Fees of Motor Vehicles Hired for Operation by the Lessee

Your inquiry of February 26th relates to the registration fees for vehicles which are owned by a so-called truck-leasing corporation and which are hired out to persons desiring to use the same in connection with their own business. It is stated that the lessee under the renting agreement agrees not to carry passengers for hire. Under Section 15 of Chapter 19, Subdivision B., it is provided that motor vehicles "used for livery or hire, (pay) double the above fees." The fees enumerated in Subsection A. are the fees for passenger cars, based on the horsepower of the vehicle.

The information contained in the letter addressed to the Registry of Motor Vehicles by the operator of the truck-leasing corporation under consideration is that the corporation maintains a number of vehicles which it lets under contract, specifying the use which is to be made thereof by the lessee in the course of his business.

Such vehicles clearly come within the provisions of Subsection B., being used by the owner "for livery or hire," and the fees for registration are double the amount for passenger cars of the same horsepower.

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Abraham Breitbard

May 9, 1946

(In reply to further inquiry)

Ruling applies to all owners of cars for livery or hire whether individual, partnership, or corporation.

Abraham Breitbard