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October 16, 1947

To Stanton S. Weed, Director of Motor Vehicle Division
Re: Registration of Motor Vehicles Owned by Maine Turnpike Authority

I have your memo of October 7th, and although I have talked with you on the telephone about this matter, I will here confirm what I then said, that I interpret Section 9 of Chapter 69, P&SL 1941, as exempting motor vehicles owned by the Maine Turnpike Authority from the payment of registration fees, when construed with the language in Chapter 19 of the Motor Vehicle Laws, which provides that the Secretary of State is authorized to issue registration certificates without fee to federal and state governmental agencies not otherwise required to be registered under the provisions of this chapter. In other words, in my opinion, it was the intent of the legislature to exempt the Turnpike Authority from all forms of State fees and taxation, as a quasi-state agency.

RWF:c

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