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November 9, 1951

To Scott K. Higgins, Director of Aeronautics
Re: Sirens

We have your memo of November 6, 1951, relative to the use of sirens on automobiles used by the Director and Inspector of your Commission. You inquire if, under Chapter 373, Public Laws of 1951, and Chapter 20, Public Laws of 1951, the use of sirens is authorized on said vehicles.

Chapter 20 of the Public Laws of 1951 specifically authorizes the use of sirens on certain vehicles and states that they may be used on such motor vehicles used by deputy sheriffs.

Chapter 373 of the Public Laws of 1951 states that the Director and Inspector of Aeronautics . . . have the same authority to enforce and to make arrests . . . as sheriffs, policemen and constables have in their respective jurisdictions.

It is our opinion that the Director and Inspector of Aeronautics being authorized by law to exercise the same authority as sheriffs, and sheriffs being authorized to use sirens on their cars, the Director and Inspector of Aeronautics similarly have authority to use sirens on their vehicles.

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