Opinion No. 239

Motor Vehicles—Licenses—Dealers' Licenses, Use of.

HELD: A dealer in motor vehicles may not rent a truck carrying his license to a third person for the work of such third person, nor use a car carrying his dealer's license for the private affairs of the dealer or his family.

June 14, 1933.

You inquire as to our interpretation of the following provision from section 5, Chapter 158, Laws of 1933: "Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize a dealer in motor vehicles to operate or use any motor vehicle otherwise than in the usual, ordinary conduct of his business, unless registered in accordance with the first paragraph of this section, and upon it being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Registrar that any such dealer has used his dealer's license otherwise than in the usual ordinary conduct of his business, the Registrar may revoke such dealer's license." .

Said paragraph refers to the license for a dealer in motor vehicles or automobile accessories. We would advise you that the language contained in this paragraph is plain and limits the use of cars by automobile dealers to those used in the usual ordinary conduct of their business.

This provision would not authorize a dealer to rent a truck carrying his license to a third person for the work of such third person, nor to use a car carrying such license for the private affairs of the dealer or his family other than in the conduct of his business.

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