

No. 172

**REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES—LICENSES,
Six Months' Auto—MOTOR VEHICLES—AUTOMOBILES**

Held: The owner of a motor vehicle who has registered the same in any one year is not entitled to re-register the same the following year for one-half the fee, even though he has not used it for the first six months of the following year.

July 16, 1941.

Mr. Edward T. Dussault
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Dear Mr. Dussault:

In your letter of July 7, 1941, you requested the opinion of this office regarding the matter of six months' license fees for motor vehicles.

Section 1759 (4), Revised Codes of Montana, 1935, as amended by Chapter 72, Laws of 1937, speaks of re-registration. Section 1759.1 says: "Registration must be renewed." From the language of these two sections, it is apparent the Legislature did not consider an original registration was being made when the owner of a motor vehicle renewed his license for the following year.

I agree with your expression to Mr. W. H. Marion, Treasurer of Missoula County. It is my opinion the owner of a motor vehicle who has had the same registered for any one year is not entitled to re-register it the following year for one-half the fee, even though he has not used it for the first six months of the following year.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. BONNER
Attorney General