OPINION 53-76

September 3, 1953 (OPINION)

MOTOR VEHICLES

RE: Reciprocity - License

Reference is made to your request for a clarification of the North Dakota reciprocity laws, and particularly to an Attorney General's Opinion dated June 5, 1953. With your request you have submitted a copy of a letter concerning this matter, from Mr. W. E. Howes, Director, Motor Vehicle Division for the State of Minnesota.

It is our continued opinion, after giving due consideration to the reciprocity laws of North Dakota and the legislative intent, that you may not enter into any reciprocity agreements covering motor vehicle licenses fees, with any state which agreement does not provide for proportional licensing based upon highway use in this state.

If Minnesota law does not permit proportional licensing privileges to the same extent as is granted by North Dakota law, the condition that like exemptions and privileges must be granted, has not been met.

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