

PUBLIC RECORDS:
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:
LICENSES:

The records concerning motor vehicle registration are public records under Section 301.350, RSMo 1959 and Section 109.180, RSMo Supp. 1967, and shall be kept open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

OPINION NO. 241

May 27, 1969



Honorable Phil Snowden
State Representative
District 86
Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Representative Snowden:

This is in answer to your request for an official opinion of this office on the following question:

Whether or not the Department of Revenue [sic] has the right or the authority to allow the public to examine vehicle license records or to disseminate this information to the general public; and"

Section 301.350, RSMo 1959, requires the Director of Revenue to keep certain records concerning motor vehicle registration. Sub-section 4 provides:

"All of such books and records shall be kept open to public inspection during reasonable business hours."

Therefore, pursuant to this section the Director has the authority to allow the public to examine motor vehicle records. These records are also made public by Section 109.180, RSMo Supp. 1967, and if the Director refused inspection to any citizen, he would be guilty of a misdemeanor.

CONCLUSION

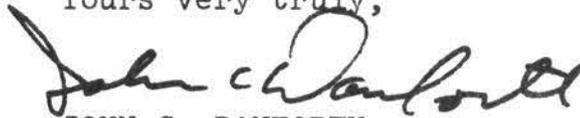
It is the opinion of this office that the records concerning motor vehicle registration are public records under Section 301.350,

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RSMo 1959 and Section 109.180, RSMo Supp. 1967, and shall be kept open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

The foregoing opinion, which I hereby approve, was prepared by my Assistant, Walter W. Nowotny, Jr.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. Danforth".

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General