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Mr. J. E. McDonald, Commissioner  
Department of Agriculture  
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Attention: Mr. W. K. Burke, Chief Clerk.

Opinion No. 0-7390

Re: May the expense of repairing automobiles be paid out of the \$4500.00 in Item 95 of the departmental appropriation for "equipment, cars, and supplies"?

We have given careful consideration to your letter requesting our opinion as to whether it would be legal to pay the expenditures for repairing automobiles out of the item of \$4500.00 appropriated for each of the years 1945-1947 to your department under number 95 for "equipment, cars, and supplies."

You state that at this time it is impossible to purchase new cars, and that you have in your department some heavy trucks, as well as some other motor cars, that have been used very hard and extensively, which must be repaired at considerable expense if same can be of further use to your department.

Unquestionably, we think, the repairing of the trucks and automobiles owned by the State and used by your department to carry on your work can be maintained and kept in repair out of said appropriation. These trucks and cars are a part of the "equipment". Evidently, the use of the word "cars" in said item of appropriation refers to automobiles and trucks. It is equally apparent that supplies would cover whatever supplies are necessary to successfully carry on the work of the department.

It is our opinion that you can have said trucks and other cars repaired and pay for same out of said item in the appropriation bill.

Very truly yours

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

*Geo. W. Barcus*

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