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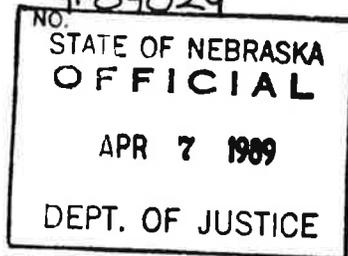
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SUBJECT: License Plates for Pop-up Camping Trailers

REQUESTED BY: Dale M. Shotkoski  
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WRITTEN BY: Robert M. Spire, Attorney General  
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You have requested our opinion regarding how to register pop-up camping trailers. In your opinion request you have referenced an attorney general opinion written on this topic on July 20, 1962, Opinion No. 160. Attorney General Opinion No. 160 stated that a pop-up camping trailer is not a cabin trailer. The opinion relied upon a definition of cabin being a small, crude, or roughly constructed house, or cottage. Upon further review, and after additional research, we find this definition too restrictive, and therefore we rescind our previous opinion.

Neb.Rev.Stat. §60-301(3) (Reissue 1988) states that:

Cabin trailer shall mean every vehicle without motive power designed for living quarters and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and not exceeding eight feet in width, forty feet in length, or thirteen and one-half feet in height;

Further, Neb.Rev.Stat. §60-301(23) defines trailer as:

Trailer shall include every vehicle without motor power designed for carrying persons or property and being pulled by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle;

And further still, Neb.Rev.Stat. §60-301(27) defines utility trailer as:

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Utility trailer shall mean a trailer having a gross weight, including load thereon, of nine thousand pounds or less attached to a motor vehicle and used wholly and exclusively to carry miscellaneous items of personal property, . . .

It appears that the primary purpose of a pop-up camping trailer is designed for living quarters, and not for carrying persons or property, or miscellaneous items of personal property. Therefore, the classification of a pop-up camping trailer is governed by Neb.Rev.Stat. §60-301(3) as a cabin trailer, and such vehicles must be registered accordingly.

Very truly yours,

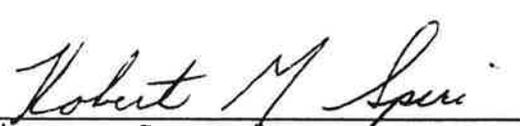
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