

same as a form which has been approved by the Attorney General and distributed by the clerk.

It may be noted at this time that there have been some queries presented in reference to the amended act as to the application of the term "motor vehicle" and "used motor vehicle" as defined in the act. It has been contended by some that no motor vehicle or used motor vehicle comes under the term of this act in view of the definitions excepting a new car transferred after the act takes effect. In other words, it has been claimed that the definition for a used motor vehicle by quoting "motor vehicle" has the effect of limiting a used motor vehicle to such automobiles as have been "motor vehicles" as defined in the act.

I cannot concur in this construction although I can see the point made. Such a construction would be exceedingly narrow and produce absurd results and defeat the apparent intention of the legislature. It is evident from the purpose of the act that the use of the term "motor vehicle" in the definition for a "used motor vehicle" did not relate solely to the technical use of the term in the former definition. It is believed that this refers to the definition in section 6290 and the definition in the original act. While this is a criminal statute entitled to a strict construction yet it should be fairly construed. Therefore, it is concluded that the term "used motor vehicle" in the amended law will include every automobile other than newly manufactured automobiles sold or distributed after the taking effect of this act.

In view of this conclusion it is evident that a sworn statement will be required to be filed by those who were exempted by the original law from the filing of such statements.

However, it should be further pointed out that no sworn statement will be required in those instances in which bills of sale have previously been required.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

Attorney-General.

576.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND LORD AND BURNHAM COMPANY, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION PROPAGATING HOUSE, LIMA STATE HOSPITAL, AT A COST OF \$2,440.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 11, 1923.

HON. L. A. BOULAY, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and Lord and Burnham Company of Cleveland, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of Propagating House, Lima State Hospital, Lima, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of \$2,440.00.

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, informal bids received and tabulated and contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the original contract has not as yet been signed by the Director of Highways, although the copies thereof contain his signature.

Finding said contract in proper legal form I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

577.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF SHARON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, \$5,700.00, TO CONSTRUCT AND FURNISH A SCHOOL BUILDING.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 13, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

578.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF WESTERVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FRANKLIN COUNTY, \$17,500.00, TO CONSTRUCT AND REPAIR VINE STREET SCHOOL BUILDING.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 13, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.