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Honorable Homer Garrison, Jr.
Director
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Austin, Texas

Opinion No. C-623

Re: Construction of Article 6687b, Section 1(n), V.C.S. and Article 6687b, Section 3, Subsection 4a, as to whether the operators of certain enumerated motor vehicles and combinations of such vehicles and trailers are required to have a commercial operator's license.

Dear Sir:

In your opinion request you ask whether or not an operator of a pickup truck, panel delivery truck, station wagon, carry-all truck or passenger automobile when operated in combination with a trailer or trailers, is required to have a commercial operator's license, when operating such combination for commercial or delivery purposes.

Acts, 59th Legislature, 1965, Chapter 350, P. 752, which amends Article 6687b, Section 3, Subsection 4a, Vernon's Civil Statutes, provides as follows:

"A person operating a truck with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity not to exceed 2,000 pounds, which is intended to include trucks commonly known as pickup trucks, panel delivery trucks, station wagons, and carry-all trucks, who holds an operator's license shall not be required to obtain a commercial operator's license." (Emphasis added.)

It is the opinion of this office that the addition of a trailer or trailers to one of the enumerated vehicles does not alter the manufacturer's rated carrying capacity; therefore, the operator of such vehicle is not required to obtain a commercial operator's license when he holds an operator's license.

SUMMARY

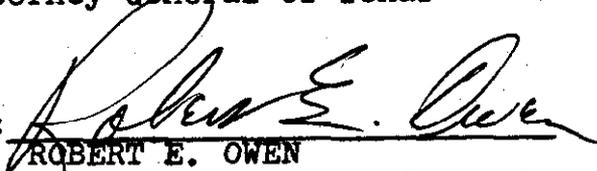
A person operating a pickup truck,

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panel delivery truck, station wagon or carry-all truck with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of 2,000 pounds or less is not required to obtain a commercial operator's license when he holds an operator's license regardless of whether or not said vehicle is operated in combination with one or more trailers.

Yours very truly,

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