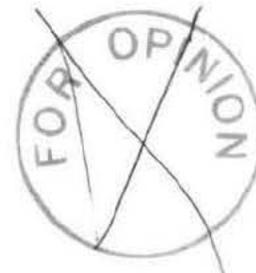


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Opinion Request No. 350 answered by letter.

November 10, 1961



Honorable George H. Morgan
Member, Missouri House of Representatives
12312 South 71 Highway
Grandview, Missouri

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This letter is in further reply to your inquiry of September 9, 1961, in relation to the Missouri Retail Credit Sales Act passed by the Seventy-First General Assembly of Missouri as Senate Bill No. 161.

A close review of Senate Bill No. 161 does not disclose that this office is vested with any authority to prescribe forms to be used under the law. In a recent communication of this office addressed to a party having an interest not dissimilar to that which your letter discloses, the following statement was made:

"Senate Bill No. 161 does not, by its terms, place any responsibility upon this office for its enforcement. While criminal penalties are prescribed, this legislation basically governs private civil rights and duties and provides civil remedies."

In advising members of the Legislature, and other officers, under the mandate found in Section 27.040, RSMo. 1959, this office has adhered to the rule that such advice should be limited to questions of law relative to the office or the discharge of the officers' official duties. While your concern for the interest of your constituents in this matter is fully appreciated, it is not feasible under the law for this office to make recommendations in answer to specific inquiries contained in your letter of September 9, 1961.

Honorable George H. Morgan

November 10, 1961

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Trusting that you will appreciate my position in
this regard, I remain

Yours very truly,

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