Opinion No. 74- 85

C. C. "Kirk" Hammer
Director
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Dear Mr. Hammer:

K.S.A. 36-106 prescribes that

"[a] duplicate license shall be issued to any otherwise qualified licensee upon notice of the loss thereof and the payment of a fee, in the amount of three dollars ($3)." [Emphasis supplied.]

You question whether "[w]hen it is obvious to this office that a license mailed to a licensee has been lost in the mail, is it possible . . . to issue a duplicate license and not require the specified duplicate licensee fee." A duplicate license is authorized to be issued "upon notice of the loss" of the original. Strictly speaking, the cause of the loss is immaterial, whether due to the postal service or the licensee's neglect or inadvertence. Any duplicate of a license previously issued, whether received by the licensee, is technically a duplicate, for which the agency is required to charge the three dollar statutory fee.

Yours very truly,

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