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August 4, 1933

State Highway Commission
Augusta, Maine

Gentlemen: Attention, Max Wilder, Bridge Engineer

In response to your letter of August 2, I am pleased to inform you that Chapter 137 of the Public Laws of 1933 evidently provides that the State shall maintain bridges and approaches thereto on highways.

Chapter 96 of the Public Laws of 1931 provided that,--

"The construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of all bridges on state highways and approaches thereto, shall be borne wholly by the State except in the case of bridges that lie within the compact portion of any city or town of over ten thousand inhabitants."

This Act has been generally construed to include bridges and approaches thereto. The word "approaches" evidently refers to the word "bridges" and not to the words "state highways". If it referred to and included approaches to state highways, it might be held to include practically all the bridges in the State of Maine.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General

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