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November 15, 1933

State Highway Commission
Augusta, Maine

Gentlemen: Attention, L.D. Barrows, Chief Engineer.

In response to your communication of November 14, relative to the letter of November 13 from Jasper A. Lane, I am pleased to suggest that Chapter 231, Section 55, of the Public Laws of 1931, provides that,--

"Towns which clear state highways and town ways to the satisfaction of said commission and when necessary use sand, gravel, or other materials on hills and curves or other sections of road to a width of not less than seven feet through the center of the road within a reasonable length of time after surface of the road becomes coated with ice, shall be reimbursed for the cost thereof to the extent of fifty percent of said cost, but not exceeding fifty dollars per mile of the highways or town ways designated as provided in section fifty-two."

It is further provided in said section that,--

"The state or the town shall not be liable for accidents while the road surface is covered with snow or ice."

This provision of the statutes appears to be a complete answer to the claim made by Mr. Lane.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General

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