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May 9, 1939

The Honorable Lewis O. Barrows
Governor of Maine
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Governor Barrows:

Chapter 96 of the Private and Special Laws of 1939, passed as an emergency Act by the recently adjourned session of the Maine Legislature, does not, in my opinion, constitute a diversion of highway funds, or conflict in any way with the provisions of Section 12 of the Hayden-Cartwright Act of 1934.

It was the intention of the Legislature in passing this measure to make additional funds available to the cities, towns and plantations of the State for highway purposes, and to relieve the financial burden on the cities, towns and plantations for conducting highway work.

All of the money paid by the State to the several cities, towns and plantations under this Act must be expended by the cities, towns and plantations for highway purposes under the direction of the State Highway Commission which, I am sure, can be depended upon to make certain, as it has always in the past, that the funds are properly expended for the purposes outlined in the Act.

Respectfully yours,

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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