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Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General

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State Highway Commission

I have your letter of March 29th in regard to Carlton Bridge. The intention of the draftors of the Resolve (L. D. #999) was that the municipalities which had an agreement to pay an excise tax in place of tolls, should pay in full the entire 50% of all excise taxes, due under the agreement, collected by said municipalities for the years ending December 31st, 1940; that each of these municipalities should be charged by the State for an amount equivalent to two-twelfths of the excise taxes collected by the municipalities for the year 1941. The reason they used the fraction "two-twelfths" was that they anticipated the Resolve would be passed during the latter part of the month of February.

The provision in regard to the two-twelfths of excise taxes for 1941, means two-twelfths of all the excise taxes collected by the town for the year 1941 and, therefore, it will be impossible to determine the amount due until after December 31st, 1941.

Attorney General

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