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To Ralph A. Gallagher, Esquire, Damariscotta  
Re: Certificate for Poll Tax

I regret to have to inform you that . . . the matter in question is one in which the Attorney General cannot render an official opinion. He can act officially only on questions of law submitted to him by the Governor and Council, heads of the various State departments and by either branch of the Legislature. He cannot properly act relative to poll taxes.

Your inquiry is chiefly regarding the issuing of licenses for the operation of motor vehicles by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Sections 33-A and 50-A, Chapter 191, P. L. 1939, relative to the payment of poll taxes. These sections require, in effect, that a person in order to be granted a license to operate a motor vehicle

"shall present a receipt or certificate that he has paid his poll tax in the town where he resided for the year preceding that for which the license is applied for."

Section 51 provides the penalty for mis-statement in the application for a license.

Personally, I have to inform you that I do not find any provision of the statutes which requires the Secretary of State to personally investigate the legal residence of each applicant for a license to operate a motor vehicle beyond the information contained in the poll tax receipt.

Sanford L. Fogg  
Deputy Attorney General