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Fred E. Hanson, Esquire  
Recorder Municipal Court  
Huxford, Maine

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of November 25th, addressed to the Public Utilities Commission and which was handed to this department for reply, I am pleased to call your attention to Chapter 92, P. L. 1933, Section 5 which provides that: "All fines and forfeitures collected under this chapter, when the arrest is made by a member of the state highway police, or inspector, together with any part of the costs taxed by the court for such member or inspector, shall be paid one-half forthwith to the Treasurer of State, who shall issue his receipt therefor, and applied as provided in section 117, and one-half into the treasury if the county where the offense is prosecuted. When the arrest is made by any other officer, all fines and forfeitures, and in either case, except as above stated, all costs, shall be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense is prosecuted."

I also call your attention to the further provision that: "No inspector or member of the state highway police shall receive any fee as a complainant or witness, or for making an arrest or for attendance at court, but shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual costs of arrest and actual expenses of travel and attendance. Whenever any fines or penalties are imposed by any court in any proceeding in which a member of the state highway police is a complainant or witness, said court may tax costs for such complainant or witness in the usual manner".

Very truly yours,

Sanford L. Fogg  
Deputy Attorney General

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cc to Public Utilities Commission