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## STATE OF MAINE

### **REPORT**

OF THE

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1945-1946



April 25, 1945

#### To J. Elliott Hale, Secretary, Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

With reference to your recent inquiry whether a person is eligible to take the examination under the act relating to hairdressing and beauty culture, now R. S. 1944, Chapter 22, Sections 205-222, before attaining 18 years of age, where the applicant qualifies as having "satisfactorily completed a course of instruction in a school":

Under the rules and regulations which were duly adopted by the State Board of Barbers and Hairdressers, it is provided in Section 11 that students are not eligible to take up instruction in a school until they have reached the age of  $17\frac{1}{2}$  years. By Sections 212 and 214 of Chapter 22, a course of study in an approved school of 1000 hours distributed over a term of not less than 6 months is a prerequisite to admission to examination. It would thus appear that no person could become eligible for examination under these provisions until she has become 18 years of age.

## ABRAHAM BREITBARD Deputy Attorney General

April 26, 1945

To Harry V. Gilson, Commissioner of Education Re: Federal Grants to Municipalities

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 5th, which is as follows:

"Apparently consideration is being given to the federal allocation of funds directly to municipalities for the purpose of building community facilities including school buildings. A question has arisen as to whether municipalities of Maine can legally accept donations or allotments of money for the purpose of planning and building such community and school facilities.

"The only law pertaining to the acceptance of federal grants which I have been able to find is section 1 of chapter 315, passed at the Special Session of 1942.

"I would appreciate your opinion on the following questions:

- Can municipalities legally accept federal grants?
- 2. Is it the intent of section 1, chapter 315, that all federal grants shall be made through the state to the municipalities?"

Answer to Question 1: No. The only provision relating to acceptance by municipalities of gifts is Section 103 of Chapter 80. This, however, has reference only to gifts under a will or "by any individual" who intends to make a conditional gift. It is not applicable to federal grants.

Answer to Question 2: The law referred to in your inquiry is now Section 14 of Chapter 11, R. S. 1944. It is there provided: