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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Augusta or on many jobs that are just temporary, and the Board of Trustees would have to have a full-time bookkeeper to compute the deductions and there would have to be reports on every field engineer who went out when he got \$7 a week while on a certain job, and another when he returned to the office at Augusta or went on some other job where there were no expenses allowed in addition to his salary.

For the reason that this is only a temporary allowance to take the place of an expense account, I am ruling that this amount of money should be considered as expenses rather than maintenance, and a part of his salary, and that it would not be subject to retirement deductions.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General

July 8, 1947

To Stanton S. Weed, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles

Your memo of June 16, 1947, relative to Chapter 348, P. L. 1947, which takes effect on August 13th next, has been received.

This inquiry concerns the limitation of § 3 of said act, which provides that "no trailer attached to a motor vehicle shall exceed in length 26 feet over all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary; provided, however, that the load on any motor vehicle, including trucks, combination of tractor and semi-trailer, passenger buses and passenger cars, and the load on any trailer, may extend not exceeding 1 foot 6 inches beyond the rear of the maximum permissible structural length of such motor vehicle or tractor exclusive of tailboard."

Specifically the inquirer asks: "Does the 26 feet over all include a tailboard or could a tailboard of four or five feet be used in addition to the 26 feet, provided, of course, that the complete length of the tractor and semi-trailer does not exceed 45 feet? If the tailboard is included in the 26 foot maximum, does the permissible load extension of one foot six inches apply to the tailboard? If the tailboard may extend beyond the 26 foot maximum, is it also permissible to have a one foot 6 inch extension on the rear of the tailboard, providing it is within the 45 foot limitation?"

I interpret this provision to mean that no trailer may exceed 26 feet in length including the tailboard when it is down. The load may extend 1 foot 6 inches beyond the tailboard.

The limitation in the preceding part of this section, which provides that "no motor vehicle, including trucks, combination of tractor and semi-trailer, passenger buses and passenger cars shall exceed in length 45 feet over all including all structural parts thereof, permanent or temporary," would not authorize the use of a trailer attached to a motor vehicle which would be over 26 feet in length, as above defined, even though the combination would not be over 45 feet.

I return herewith the letter you enclosed.

ABRAHAM BREITBARD
Deputy Attorney General