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July 15, 1947

To E. H. Bubar, D. C., President, Board of Chiropractic Examination
Re: Legal Fees

Your letter of July 10th received, enclosing letter and bill of Arthur Paul, and I note that the original bill was contracted by the Chiropractic Association of the State of Maine and is not made out to the Maine Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration.

Inasmuch as this bill is for services rendered in connection with grievances filed by various members of your Association and have nothing to do with the Maine Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration under the provisions of the Revised Statutes, and since Mr. Paul so rendered the bill and someone has partly erased the word "Association" and inserted the word "Board", and there is no such organization as "Chiropractic Board of the State of Maine", I am returning this bill, together with a letter from the Controller to Howard E. Tyler (secretary-treasurer).

The statute provides (Chapter 65, §1):

"The board of chiropractic examination and registration, as heretofore established,"

shall be called "the board", and Chapter 17, R. S. 1944, provides that all legal services required by boards and commission in matters relating to their official duties shall be rendered by the Attorney General. From the facts stated in the bill rendered and in your letter of July 10th, I cannot determine whether or not these matters about which you talk, but which you do not explain, relate to the official duties of the Maine Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration. Furthermore, I call your attention to Section 3 of Chapter 65, R. S. of Maine, 1944, which provides:

"The necessary and proper expenses of said board shall be paid, etc."

I have been informed today that the services in question did not relate to the official duties of the Maine Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration, which are enumerated in the statute.

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Attorney General

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