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To Edward Witham, Bureau of Accounts and Control

I have your memo received here July 28th, relating to a bill for \$175 submitted by the President of the Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration, for the services of a speaker at the meeting of the Chiropractic Association of Maine.

There is some question in my mind as to the legality of the State's paying vouchers for entertainment of associations, which is outside the duties of the Board of Chiropractic Examination and Registration. I have checked with the Maine Medical Association, and they pay their own speakers for their own entertainment.

However, if you want to pay this voucher for \$175 for entertainment of the association, if there is not sufficient money from the fees taken in for the current year, you could pay this bill in anticipation of the normal fees coming in through the year.

Section 3 of Chapter 65 provides for the disposition of fees and that the compensation of members of the board shall be \$10 per day and necessary traveling expenses. The secretary shall be reimbursed for all expense for postage and other necessary expenses, by the board, actually incurred in the discharge of his duties. Said compensation and all other necessary and proper expenses of said board shall be certified by the chairman of the board and the secretary and shall be paid out of the fund held by the treasurer of State, provided that the amount so paid shall in no case exceed the total amount received for the current year by the treasurer of State from the board as fees. So long as you know that the amount of the expenses of this board will not exceed the amount it expects to receive, it would be safe to pay this bill, if you feel it is a proper expense of said board.

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