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STATE OF MAINE

R E P O R T

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1949 - 1950

September 21, 1949

To Honorable Frederick G. Payne, Governor of Maine
Re: Provisions of Law Relative to Private Detectives

In accordance with a request from your office I am attaching hereto Section 14 of Chapter 131, R. S. 1944.

This section was amended by Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1945 by providing that the bond to be given by the licensee shall be executed by a surety company authorized to do business within the State and shall be on a form approved by the Insurance Commissioner and shall be filed with the State Auditor, instead of permitting a simple bond with two sureties approved by the Governor and Council.

The section was also amended by Chapter 26 of the Public Laws of 1949 by providing that the Governor and Council may license not exceeding 50 detectives instead of 35.

I do not see how any individual could operate a detective agency with any authority whatsoever, if he were not licensed in accordance with the provisions of law.

JOHN S. S. FESSENDEN
Deputy Attorney General

September 22, 1949

To the Aeronautical Commission
Re: Interpretation of Chapter 245, P. L. 1949

With your memorandum of September 20, 1949, you enclosed a copy of a letter which the Commission had received from the city manager of Bangor, Maine, raising the question whether the City of Bangor may be eligible to receive allotments from Commission funds for snow removal from Dow Field upon its de-activation by the Air Force. The question raised is whether in connection with the use of that airport by "itinerant planes," use may be limited to those planes having two-way radio, or whether this would so far restrict the use of the airport as to render the City of Bangor ineligible to receive such allotments.

Section 167 of Chapter 14, R. S. 1944, provides for allotments for snow removal for municipal, state and federal airports in such manner and in such amounts as the Commission deems equitable. This section was amended by Chapter 337 of the Public Laws of 1947, but in no manner altered the provisions with respect to the present question. Under the original provisions there would be no question, I believe, but that if the City of Bangor undertakes to operate and control Dow Field as a municipal project, it would be eligible to receive allotments. The question then is whether Chapter 245 of the Public Laws of 1949 so amends Section 167 of Chapter 14, R. S., as to affect the rights of the City of Bangor in connection with the use of that airport by itinerant planes.

Chapter 245 of the Public Laws of 1949 does not alter or amend the rights of the City of Bangor when that city undertakes to operate the airport as a municipal project and obligates itself to take care of the snow removal. Chapter 245 of the Public Laws of 1949 applies only to the extending of