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**STATE OF MAINE**

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

for the calendar years  
**1951 - 1954**

hereafter become extinct, and shall deposit all such records in a place of safety and accessibility for future preservation and use.”

It is our opinion, from a reading of this statute, that the collection of such records is mandatory on the part of the Commissioner of Education, in other words that this portion of the statute compels you to collect the records of all institutions within the State which are now out of existence or hereafter go out of existence.

JAMES G. FROST  
Assistant Attorney General

September 5, 1951

To S. F. Dorrance, Livestock Specialist, Department of Agriculture  
Re: Dogs

Your memo of August 24, 1951, has been received. This relates to Chapter 88, Section 12, R. S. 1944.

Under that statute town officers are directed to seek out, catch and confine all dogs within their territory that are not licensed, collared and tagged. These dogs have to be detained for a period of not more than six days. You ask upon whom the expense falls for feeding, advertising, and attempting to locate the owners, during that six-day period.

It is our opinion that the expense falls:—

- 1) Upon the owner, and it must be paid by him upon claiming the dog; or
- 2) By the city or town which orders such animal to be taken, in the event that the owner fails to appear.

JAMES G. FROST  
Assistant Attorney General

September 10, 1951

To Fred E. Holt, Supervisor, Forestry  
Re: Portable Sawmills

Your letter of September 5, 1951, has been received by this office. You state that the Recorder of a municipal court has rendered a decision that it is not necessary for a mill owner to be licensed under Chapter 423, Section 72, Public Laws of 1949, which requires a license for a primary wood-using saw-mill which is “portable” by definition, if that mill is on land owned by the operator. You state that this opinion is subject to change if the Attorney General’s office will submit a written opinion that such an operator, even though the mill is on his own land, is subject to license.

Please be advised that the Attorney General’s office does not render advisory opinions to municipal courts or other justices. Our duties are strictly limited by law to advising the Governor and Council, the legislature, and the heads of State departments in regard to State business. Although we frequently find it necessary to appear in court to argue, we may not render opinions