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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years
1951 - 1954

You say that in your judgment the only way to train these auxiliary firemen properly is to give them some such actual practice.

It would appear that such members of Civil Defense as are so used would be protected by either one of the following procedures:—either that, as suggested, the project be designated a training period or that contact be made with the Forestry Department and the members engaged by them, in which case they would be protected as State employees engaged by the department for fire protection.

It is the opinion of this office that your members would be protected in either manner.

NEAL A. DONAHUE
Assistant Attorney General

August 13, 1953

To H. H. Harris, Controller

Re: Automobile Mileage of State Fire Inspectors

This office has in hand a memo dated August 6, 1953, in the following terms:

“Chapter 168, Public Laws of 1953, relates to Automobile Travel by State Fire Inspectors and, in effect, changes the rate of reimbursement for this class of employees from a straight 8 cents per mile to not more than 7 cents per mile for the first 5000 miles actually travelled in any one fiscal year and 6 cents per mile thereafter. The chapter is effective August 8, 1953.

“Question: Is the mileage travelled between July 1, 1953 and August 8, 1953 to be considered as part of the first 5000 miles travelled during the fiscal year or do these employees start their first 5000 on August 8?”

Answer. Under the provisions of Chapter 168 of the Public Laws of 1953, fire inspectors start their first 5000 miles on August 8th. Until August 8th fire inspectors had unlimited mileage at the rate of 8 cents a mile and they only come under a limited mileage basis on August 8th. It would logically follow that they then should start on a 5000-mile basis.

JAMES G. FROST
Deputy Attorney General

August 13, 1953

To Earle R. Hayes, Secretary, Maine Retirement System

Re: Ten-Year Vested Right Amendment

Section 2 of Chapter 412 of the Public Laws of 1953 amends subsection VIII of Section 3 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes so that, as amended, subsection VIII reads as follows:

“VIII. Any employee who is a member of this retirement system may leave state service after 10 years of creditable service and be entitled to a retirement allowance at attained age 60 provided the contributions made