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**STATE OF MAINE**

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

for the calendar years  
**1951 - 1954**

I might add in closing that the questions propounded and the answers here given in no way change the ruling of the Deputy Attorney General on December 3, 1953.

ROGER A. PUTNAM  
Assistant Attorney General

January 27, 1954

To Department of Labor and Industry  
Re: "Hotel"

We have your memo of January 13, 1954, in which you request of this office a legal interpretation of what constitutes a "hotel".

It can be generally stated that a "hotel" is a building held out to the public as a place where transient persons who come will be received and entertained as guests for compensation.

"Hotel" is synonymous with "inn". A hotel does not lose its identity by bestowing upon it a different name, such as "The X House", if in fact such place is used as a hotel.

Indicia or elements helpful in determining whether or not such building is a hotel are: Does it have a lobby, a hotel register, some daily accommodations available, and a place for the safe keeping of guests' valuables?

JAMES G. FROST  
Deputy Attorney General

January 27, 1954

To Philip A. Annas, Associate Deputy Commissioner, Education  
Re: Classification of High Schools under Section 89 of Chapter 37

We have your memo of January 8, 1954, in which you state the following fact situation and pose the following question:

"One of the functions of our department is to classify the high schools according to the description given in Section 89.

"This section permits a junior high school to be maintained as a part of a Class A high school. When this is done, the school consists of grades 7-12 or grades 8-12.

"Question": May a school of this type be classified as a Class A secondary school if the faculty consists of but two teachers?"

This office is of the opinion that, to be a Class A secondary school, there must be at least two teachers employed solely for the purpose of conducting the courses required of such a school (at least one approved course of study through four years of 36 weeks each and of standard grade, together with approved laboratory equipment.).

It would be our further opinion that a school having such a required course of study and employing two teachers is no longer a Class A school if a junior high school is maintained with or is a part of that high school, thereby