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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years
1951 - 1954

March 9, 1954

To Marion Martin, Labor Commissioner

Re: Employment of Women by Two Firms at once.

. . . You ask for a ruling on the following questions which arise under the provisions of Sections 22 and 23 of Chapter 25, R. S. 1944, as amended:

“A woman works eight hours a day in one plant, and then works a six or eight-hour shift for another employer. There are two situations in question —

1. Where the two employing firms are corporations with partially the same ownership and interlocking directorates, but with separate plant management, and
2. Where the two employing firms are in different fields of activity with no known connection between them.”

It is the opinion of this office that the statutes in question have reference to work performed in a single establishment and do not embrace employment in two or more different establishments. We therefore answer both questions 1 and 2 by saying that there is no violation of Sections 22 and 23 of Chapter 25 under the fact situation you relate.

JAMES GLYNN FROST

Deputy Attorney General

March 9, 1954

To Kermit Nickerson, Director of Professional Services, Education

Re: Minimum Salary Law

This is in answer to your memo asking with respect to Chapter 371 of the Public Laws of 1953, which chapter enacts a minimum salary for teachers:

“The question has been raised whether or not payments to teachers after July 1, 1954 must be in amounts conforming with the new salary law, even though payments (presumably for July and August) are for services performed in the 1953-54 year ending June 30, 1954.”

The answer to your question is in the negative. The effective date of the act above mentioned is July 1, 1954. From that date onward, the salaries of teachers must comply with the law. However, payments made for services rendered prior to the effective date of the act may be made in conformity with the agreement under which the teacher was working prior to July 1, 1954.

JAMES GLYNN FROST

Deputy Attorney General

March 9, 1954

To E. L. Newdick, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture

Re: Quarantine on New York Potatoes

Under date of June 24, 1948, and pursuant to Chapter 364 of the Public Laws of 1947, a quarantine was imposed against the transportation of diseased potatoes from a portion of New York State into the State of Maine. While the