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To S. F. Dorrance, Livestock Specialist
Re: Porcupine Bounty Reimbursements.

. . . You state that you have received from the City of Waterville porcupine bounty certificates covering porcupines killed not only in Waterville but in China, Palermo, Winslow, Oakland, Fairfield, Sidney, Plymouth, Hartland and Unity Plantation.

You ask, "Is it legal for the State to reimburse the city of Waterville for porcupines killed in other towns than Waterville? If not, what course should we take?"

Chapter 433 of the Public Laws of 1955, Section 2-A, reads in part as follows:

"A bounty of 50¢ shall be paid for each and every porcupine killed in organized territory of the State to the person killing the same by the treasurer of the municipality in which said porcupine was killed."

It is our opinion that the State may not reimburse the City of Waterville for porcupines killed in towns other than Waterville.

We would suggest that you notify these towns that under the law the treasurer is authorized to pay for only those porcupines which are killed in that municipality.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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