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June 17, 1957

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

Your memorandum of June 6, 1957, in which you ask for an opinion relating to the situation which has arisen as a result of Section 14 of Chapter 100 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

The said section relates to unlicensed dogs and states that on or after July 1 the warrant shall be issued directing the officers to enter complaint and summons to Court the owner or keeper of any unlicensed dog. You state that in some cases during the interim period a delinquent dog owner rushes to the City or Town Clerk and pays his dog license fee, then the officer calls for collection and finds the license has been paid even though he has been charged with the collection. You ask "Is the officer entitled to his \$2.00 fee as prescribed in this section?"

In our opinion the offense has been committed, the officer has done his duty, and it appears that the officer should be paid such sum as is due him under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 100.

James G. Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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