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To William D. Hathaway, Esquire
Assistant County Attorney, Androscoggin

. . . You inquire as to whether or not the State will reimburse a humane officer for disposing of animals under the provisions of Section 18, Chapter 140, R. S. 1954,

Under the provisions of said section the State is authorized to reimburse for food and shelter for animals there provided for and that would appear to limit payments to such purposes.

With respect to the various State departments, our laws are administered so that we do only those things which the statute authorizes. We regret that in instances such as this there may appear to be inequities; but inasmuch as no appropriations have been made for disposals and the statute does not authorize payment, we are helpless to assist the humane officer.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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