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E. L. Newdick, Commissioner

Agriculture

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Stipend Fund

You have requested an opinion of this office as to whether or not Bangor Fair, Inc., is entitled to the stipend fund under Chapter 391 of the Public Laws of 1957.

Chapter 391 provides that certain funds from the Pari Mutuel Pool:

"shall be divided for reimbursements in equal amounts to each recipient of the stipend fund which conducts pari mutuel racing in conjunction with its annual fair if said recipient has improved its racing facilities and has met the standards for facility improvements set by the Commissioner of Agriculture for said recipients. . ."

It is plain from the language of the statutes that only a recipient of the stipend fund meeting certain conditions can receive the funds allocated by Chapter 391 of the Public Laws of 1957.

Section 17, Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, provides that the Commissioner may summon and examine on oath any officer of an incorporated society or other witnesses, books or records in their custody which he may deem necessary for the performance of his duties. If it is felt necessary to determine anything further than I have stated in this opinion, you may order a hearing.

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