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Mental Health and Corrections

Edward Hazelton, Commitment to Reformatory for Men, Sec. 67, Chapter 27.

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In situations such as the one presented in your recent memo -- the commitment of Edward Hazelton to the Reformatory for Men for an indeterminate sentence to twenty-one years, reference to Section 67, Chapter 27, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1954, quoted below, provides the solution.

"When a male is ordered committed to the Reformatory for Men the court or trial justice ordering commitment shall not prescribe the limit thereof, but no male committed to the Reformatory shall be held for more than three years. If through oversight or otherwise any person be committed to imprisonment in the said Reformatory for Men for a definite period of time, said commitment for that reason shall not be void but the person so committed shall be entitled to the benefit and subject to the provisions of this section in the same manner and to the same extent as if the commitment had been in the terms required by this section. In such case the Superintendent of the Reformatory shall deliver to such offender a copy of Sections 66 to 75 inclusive."

Since Edward Hazelton began his sentence at the Reformatory for Men on September 2, 1960 and since although presently confined in the Maine State Prison, he is nevertheless a Reformatory inmate, he cannot, under the section quoted above, be held beyond September 2, 1963.

cc: Department of the Attorney General

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