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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

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Revised Statutes, Chapter 77-A, section 4, exempts Government Veterinarians from the provisions of the veterinary registration act, thereby permitting these veterinarians to practice veterinary medicine so long as that practice does not extend to animals owned by other than military personnel and dependants.

For this reason it is our opinion that your department should issue spay certificates to a Government Veterinarian providing it is clearly understood that these certificates are not to be used in any private practice.

THOMAS W. TAVENNER

Assistant Attorney General

March 23, 1962

To: Colonel Robert Marx, Chief of Maine State Police

Re: Fees for Motor Vehicle Inspection

A question has been raised as to whether the owner of a motor vehicle must pay the \$1.00 inspection fee if the person inspecting the motor vehicle refuses to pass the motor vehicle and attach a sticker thereto.

Answer: Yes.

Revised Statutes 1954, chapter 22, section 47, reads as follows:

“Fee for inspections. The operator of any official inspection station shall conduct the inspection of motor vehicles presented to him for that purpose in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Chief of the State Police, for which he shall receive a fee of \$1 for each car inspected, this sum not to include labor or material used in correction of faults in equipment.”

It is very clear from this wording that the operator of any official inspection station “shall receive a fee of \$1 for each car inspected.” Nothing is said in this section about the “sticker.” It is the inspection that earns the operator his \$1 fee.

Section 45 of the same chapter provides in part:

“If, at the time of such inspection and before the said vehicle is again operated upon the highway, the condition of said vehicle conforms in each and every respect as required by law, an official sticker as a certificate of inspection furnished by said Chief of the State Police shall be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the windshield or in the center of the windshield back of the rear mirror.”

As can be seen from this quotation, the “sticker” is only evidence that “the condition of said vehicle conforms in each and every respect as required by law.” The fee of \$1 does not buy a sticker. The \$1 fee pays for a full and complete inspection whether or not a “sticker” is issued.

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