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Walter F. Ulmer, Commissioner

Mental Health and Corrections

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Mental Health and Corrections

Publication of Bangor State Hospital News Letter--Compliance with P.L. 1963,
c. 335.

FACTS:

There is published weekly, at the Bangor State Hospital, a News Letter bearing the title, "Bang-Tales", said publication being concerned with activities at the Bangor State Hospital and having a circulation as follows: Copies are sent to the Governor, area legislative representatives, other State institutions and each newspaper in the Counties of Arcoostook, Hancock, Knox, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington and Lincoln, as well as, circulation within the publishing institution.

QUESTION:

Must said publication conform with R.S. 1954, c. 15-A, §35-A. (Enact. P.L. 1963, c. 335, reading as follows:

"State publications to indicate authority or source of funds.
All publications printed or published by the State as a requirement of law shall set forth the authority for the same at an appropriate place on each copy printed or published. Publications printed or published by the State which are not required by law shall set forth the source of funds by which the publication is printed or published at an appropriate place on each copy. This section shall not apply to publications paid for out of the legislative appropriation."

ANSWER:

Yes.

OPINION:

The News Letter in question is a publication falling within the intended coverage of the language of the second sentence of the cited statute. The language of this portion of the statute is all inclusive, as it relates to publications not required to be published by law, the only exception being found in the third sentence which is clearly inapplicable here.

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