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July 27, 1965

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Economic Development
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Federal Assistance under the Federal Housing Act.

You have been requested by Federal officials to obtain an updating of the opinions of this office dated March 19, 1956, and November 1, 1963.

There has been no change in the substantive law relating to the powers of the Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development since our opinion of November 1, 1963. In September, 1964, there was a special session of the Legislature at which the 1954 Revised Statutes were repealed and the 1964 Revised Statutes were enacted. This legislative act became effective December 31, 1964.

Other than the new statutory citation of 10 M.R.S.A. sections 401 - 651 replacing Revised Statutes 1954, Chapter 38-A, the powers and duties of the Commissioner and the Department are the same.

In order to forestall the necessity of intermittent opinions confirming the laws relating to the Commissioner and Department of Economic Development, it is stated that the 102nd Legislature adjourned on June 4, 1965. Only one amendment was enacted. This repealed and replaced section 651 relating solely to the Division of Geological Survey. This enactment will become effective September 3, 1965.

There may be special sessions of the legislature during the next 18 months to consider special matters of legislation. However, there will not be a regular session of the legislature until the convening of the 103rd legislature on the first Wednesday of January, 1967. Bills enacted at that session will become effective 90 days after adjournment. Consequently the present law and opinion should be effective until September, 1967, barring some unforeseen situation.

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