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July 13, 1967

Joseph T. Edgar, Secretary of State

State

Leon V. Walker, Jr., Assistant

Attorney General

Suspension of Operator's License

In your memorandum of July 12, 1967, you state that your department received notice from the State of California that a resident of Maine had been arrested in California for failing to walk in a crosswalk, had failed to appear in court as ordered, and that her right to operate a motor vehicle in California had been suspended.

Upon these facts your Motor Vehicle Division, without a hearing, suspended this person's Maine operator's license, said suspension to be in effect until the individual appears in or settles with the California Court.

The Driver License Compact (29 M.R.S.A. § 631, et seq.) is not applicable to this case since there has been no conviction. Under 29 M.R.S.A., Chapter 17, you do have broad discretion to suspend licenses, but the statute requires that a hearing must first be held.

It is the opinion of this office, therefore, that the suspension in the instant case was invalid.

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