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STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date July 15, 1975

To W. B. Blodgett, Ex. Director

Dept. Maine State Retirement System

From Donald G. Alexander, Assistant

Debt. Sttorney General

Subject Eligibility of Cumberland County Recreation Center under 5 M.R.S.A. §1092

Your memo of June 27th asked whether the Cumberland County Recreation Center is eligible to participate in Maine State Retirement System as a participating local district pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 1092.

The answer is Yes.

The definition of "participating local districts" includes among the entities which are eligible quasi-municipal corporations. The Cumberland County Recreation Center appears to be such a quasi-municipal corporation. The authorization for the Recreation Center establishes the inhabitants of Cumberland County as a district for the recreation center to be: "A body politic and corporate." P.&S. Laws 1971, chap. 86 §1. The district has authority to acquire land, execute leases and issue bonds. Section 5 of Chapter 86 grants the trustees of the Cumberland County Recreation Center taxing authority similar to that possessed by Cumberland County. These are sufficient areas of governmental action to make the corporation quasi-municipal in nature.

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