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Attorney General's Approval of Corporate Names

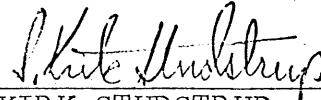
STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date April 14, 1977

To Charles Priest, Assistant Director Dept. Legislative Research Office
From S. Kirk Studstrup, Assistant Dept. Attorney General
Subject Approval of the Use of the Word "Maine" in Corporate Names

This memorandum responds to your request for an opinion of this office on the question of whether profit-making corporations must receive the permission of the Attorney General's Office before using the word "Maine" in their title. We assume that by "profit-making" you mean corporations which would be governed by the Maine Business Corporation Act, Title 13-A M.R.S.A.

The answer to your question is that approval or permission from this office for the use of the word "Maine" is not required under the Business Corporation Act. The general provisions concerning corporate names are found in 13-A M.R.S.A. §§ 301-307. It should be noted in passing that such approval is required for "noncapital stock corporations," which are typically "charitable" or "nonprofit" corporations, as provided in 13 M.R.S.A. § 982.



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