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Lyndon H. Abbott  
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Dear Lyndon:

This is in response to your letter dated October 10, 1980. In your letter you ask whether the Maine State Troopers Association is precluded by statute from selling items such as cups or clothing containing the State of Maine seal to members of the Association and their families.

Title 1 M.R.S.A., Section 204 prohibits the use of the State of Maine seal for commercial purposes. The statute provides in part that:

No imitation, imprint, representation, facsimile or copy of the seal of the State of Maine shall be used or displayed for commercial purposes by any person, firm or corporation, except by written permission of the Governor. Any person may sell flags containing the state seal or a facsimile of the state seal.

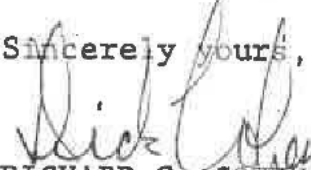
A violation is punishable as a Class E crime.

The Maine State Troopers Association and other businesses or organizations intending to use goods

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containing the seal for commercial purposes may apply to the Governor for an exemption from the provisions of the statute. Unless the Association obtains permission from the Governor in writing, however, the sale by the Association of items containing the seal of the State of Maine would not be proper.

Sincerely yours,

  
RICHARD S. COHEN  
Attorney General

RSC:ks.