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Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 21st in which you request an opinion as to whether or not the minimum wage law for women and the forty-eight hour a week law applies to nurses in institutions.

This is to advise you that a female nurse is excepted from the provisions of the forty-eight hour a week law.

It is our opinion that a registered nurse comes within the provisions and terms of Chapter 20 of the Thirteenth Legislature, Second Special Session.

For your information, it is provided in said chapter as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the commission, on the petition of twenty or more residents of the state, engaged in any particular occupation, to cause an investigation to be made of the wages being paid to women or minors in that occupation to ascertain whether any substantial number of women or minors in such occupation are receiving oppressive and unreasonable wages as defined in section two.
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I regret that your letter was not received in time to have a reply in your hands at the time of the nurses' meeting mentioned in your letter.

Trusting that this fully answers your questions, I am

Very truly yours,

JOE CONWAY
Attorney General

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