License, Saloon, Issuance Of.

A license that expired and was renewed prior to March 4, 1905, but for which the money was not paid until after such date should be paid for under the law as it existed at the time the license was renewed, the amount of the license being determined by the law in force at the date when it was due and not under the law existing at the time it was actually paid.

April 14, 1905.

F. H. Ray, Esq., Assistant State Examiner, Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., requesting opinion of this office upon the following question:

Under House Bill No. 255, in force March 4, 1905, should a saloon license that was renewed at the expiration of a prior license for such business, the date of expiration being before March 4, 1905, but for which the money was not paid until after March 4, be paid for under the law as it existed at the time the license was renewed or under the law as it existed at the time the license was actually paid for after March 4?

It is my opinion, and you are advised, that the amount of the license should be determined under the law in force at the date such license was due, and not under the law existing at the time the money was actually paid for the same.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.