Liquor, Sale of by Clubs. Social Clubs, Dispensing Liquor. Closing Hours, Where Liquor is Sold.

Social clubs are required to comply with the law relating to opening and closing.

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Hon Stanley E. Felt,

County Attorney,

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, submitting the question:

"as to whether social clubs dispensing liquor are required to comply with the provisions of the law relating to closing hours?"

Senate Bill No. 160, enacted by the last legislative assembly, in Section 1 thereof, contains certain provisions relating to social clubs, and then provides with reference to selling liquors and beverages:

"to its members only under the same regulations and restrictions other than license fees, as are now or may hereafter be provided by the laws of the State of Montana."

Senate Bills No. 62 and 63 contain restrictions relative to the hours during which places for the sale of liquor may remain open, and social clubs are bound by these restrictions. A club cannot defend itself by asserting that it is within the meaning of the proviso at the close of Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 160, for if it is within that proviso, then the privileges conferred by the other part of that section do not apply to it.

Yours very truly,
D. M. KELLY,
Attorney General.