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The Honorable Marion P. Carnell
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Dear Representative Carnell:

Pursuant to your request I am enclosing copies of opinions of this Office dealing with the Interstate Cooperation Commission. You also asked for clarification of Sections 1-17-10 through 1-17-70 of the Code which provide for such Commission.

Section 1-17-10 provides for a fifteen member Commission on Interstate Cooperation composed of five members of the Senate, five members of the House of Representatives and five State government officials who are designated by the Governor. The Governor further designates one of his appointees as chairman. Sections 1-17-20 and 1-17-30 provide for separate Committees on Interstate Cooperation of the Senate and of the House. These ten members of the Senate and House Committees serve on the Commission referenced in Section 1-17-10. Section 1-17-40 provides for the terms of members of the Senate and House Committees and of the members of the Commission appointed by the Governor.

Section 1-17-50 establishes that the duties of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation are to

...encourage and arrange conferences with officials of other states and of other units of government, carry forward the participation of this State as a member of the council of state governments, both regionally and nationally, and formulate proposals for cooperation between this State and other states.

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Section 1-17-60 sets forth the duties of committees established by the Commission and the manner of appointing such committees. Authorization for advisory boards for the Commission is also set forth.

Pursuant to Section 1-17-70, reports must be issued by the Interstate Cooperation Commission as prescribed. Provisions are made for the payment of the expenses of members of the committees and the Commission and the employment of staff. Authorization is also made for other necessary expenses of the Commission.

If there is any particular provision where further clarification or interpretation is desired, do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes, I am

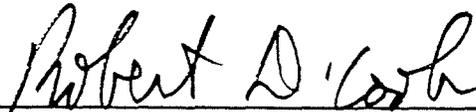
Very truly yours,



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