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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Mr. Graham Hawkins, Jr.

Director

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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

In reply to your letter of April 18, 1979, concerning the operation of bingo by 'South Carolina Resource & Developmental Corporation,' I advise that this organization should be checked to ascertain if it is a charitable, religious or fraternal organization and whether it has documentary evidence that it is exempt from federal income taxation. Only organizations of these types may conduct bingo in South Carolina. The Legislature has not implemented the constitutional provision authorizing bingo and there are, consequently, no statutory guidelines to go by. I am not familiar with this organization and I would suggest that you get its precise name and inquire of the Internal Revenue Service whether or not it is exempt from federal income taxation. If it meets the requirements set forth above, it may conduct bingo.

I anticipate that the General Assembly at the present session will enact some statutory provisions regarding the regulation of the game and, in fact, I have made my recommendations to the Legislature for that purpose.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod

Attorney General

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