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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina April 14, 1972

*1 Re: Sunday Closing Law—Mobile Home Dealers

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Dear Senator Carter:

You have requested this office's opinion as to whether or not mobile home dealers can stay open on Sundays and advertise they are open only for inspection without being in violation of the Blue Laws.

This office has already issued an opinion that the opening of a retail store for 'browsing' constitutes an 'offering to sell,' which is within the prohibition of Section 64-2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962. There appears to be no substantial difference between 'browsing' and the activity you are interested in. I am sure that a mobile home dealer would have to have an employee upon the lot, and the practice of allowing people to inspect the mobile homes would be in hopes of promoting sales on a date subsequent. A copy of the prior opinion referred to, approved by the Attorney General, and the supporting memorandum are attached for your reference.

Another view expressed by a member of our staff is that the person or persons who might be upon the mobile home lot would be engaging in the 'worldly work labor business of his ordinary calling,' which is also proscribed by Section 64-2. Very truly yours,

Robert W. Brown Assistant Attorney General

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