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The Honorable Glenn G. Reese
Senator, District No. 11
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Dear Senator Reese:

In a letter to this Office you referenced the following question:

If an individual has thirty pounds of copper and goes to a metal dealer to sell it, is it required that he show identification if he has a friend with him and it is indicated that they are selling the copper together whereby each are selling fifteen pounds.

Recently-enacted legislation R.206 amended S.C. Code Section 16-17-680 to read:

It is unlawful to purchase copper wire, copper pipe, copper bars, or copper sheeting in excess of ten pounds from a person who is not a holder of a retail license or an authorized wholesaler or unless the purchaser obtains and can verify the name and address of the seller.

Such provision amended the statute so as to provide the ten pound limitation requiring identification.

Referencing such provision, as to the situation you addressed involving the thirty pounds of copper it appears that identification would be required inasmuch as the amount of copper involved exceeds the ten pound limitation set out in Section 16-17-680. Such identification would be required even if two individuals are involved in the sale.

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If there is anything further, please advise.

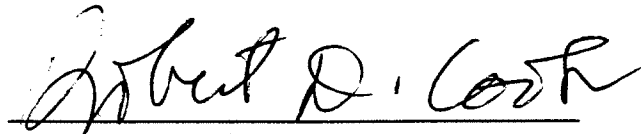
Sincerely,



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