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## Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina January 20, 1983

## \*1 Re: Liabilities Concerning a Prisoner on Work-Release

LeRoy Pendleton, Esquire 103 Kings Mountain Street Clover, South Carolina 29710

Dear Mr. Pendleton:

I have been referred your letter concerning an opinion from this office as to the work status of a prisoner on work release. Our office has recently addressed that question in an opinion dated February 24, 1982 (attached and incorporated herein by reference). In that opinion, our office determined that when county prisoners are assigned by the County to perform work outside the prison facility, such prisoners are not covered under workmen's compensation law unless the County has elected to provide such coverage under § 42-1-500, Code of Laws (1976). Any inquiry concerning whether Oconee County has elected to provide such coverage should be properly directed to the Oconee County Attorney.

I hope that this attached opinion has resolved your inquiry and I apologize for the delay. Sincerely,

Donald J. Zelenka Assistant Attorney General

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