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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

May 14, 1980

\*1 Ms. Evelyn J. Bush  
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Dear Ms. Bush:

Thank you for your letter of May 13, 1980, inquiring as to the implementation of [section 2-17-70, Code](#) of Laws, 1976.

During the first years following the enactment of the lobbying law of this state, enforcement thereof was generally lax, primarily because of the newness of the law, the ambiguity of its provisions in a number of instances and the failure of any officials to make complaint to this Office regarding its violation. You will note that the law prescribes that the Attorney General enforce its provisions 'upon complaint made to him.'

In the last few years, the Secretary of State, The Honorable John T. Campbell, has forwarded annually to this Office a list of those persons who may have offended against the statute. In such instances, prosecutions have been made and penalties exacted. The precise number of these is not known to me but research would disclose the exact number of instances.

The procedure followed by Secretary of State Campbell and myself is: At the conclusion of the General Assembly, a list of those persons who have not made the proper accounting procedures to the office of the Secretary of State is forwarded to this office. A notice is publicized, setting a dealing by which action will be commenced. Where compliance with the time limits is not made, prosecutions are instituted. No complaints have been received by this Office concerning violation of the law in other respects, and should complaints be made, they will be disposed of in the manner outlined.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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