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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

October 27, 1980

**\*1 Re: Your Opinion Request of October 20, 1980**

The Honorable William W. Wilkins, Jr.  
Solicitor  
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit  
Suite 112, Greenville Cty. Courthouse  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Dear Billy:

It is my opinion that the 'Toughest Man Contest' described in your letter of October 20, 1980, would be 'prize fighting' under [South Carolina Code Section 52-7-10 \(1976\)](#) unless permitted by a duly appointed county boxing commission as provided in [South Carolina Code Sections 52-7-20, et seq.](#) (1976). As noted in a prior opinion of this office, dated August 18, 1953, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, the aforementioned statutes make it unlawful to engage in 'prize fighting' while making it lawful to engage in a 'boxing contest'. The distinction between 'prize fighting' and 'boxing contest' is the fact that the latter has been sanctioned by a duly appointed county boxing commission. Therefore, the contest referred to in your request would be a 'boxing contest' if approved by a county boxing commission.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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