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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 77-152

May 12, 1977

*1 Honorable C. David Stone
Sheriff
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Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 19, 1977, was referred by Attorney General McLeod to me for answer. I apologize for the delay in answer, however, your letter was inadvertently misplaced. Your question concerns the interpretation of Section 64-2 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Specifically, you asked whether or not a grocery store which also operates a delicatessen within the store without walls or partitions to separate the grocery and delicatessen areas is in violation of South Carolina's Blue Laws if the delicatessen and grocery store as a combination hire more than three people on Sunday. This Office has consistently opined that a grocery store may only have three people working in it on Sunday whether or not they also run a food establishment. The fact that the grocery store has a delicatessen in it does not, in the opinion of this Office, allow grocery stores to have more than three employees under the roof of the store. See: enclosed opinion.

If this Office may be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

M. Elizabeth Crum
Assistant Attorney General

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