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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Major Adams:

Thank you for your letter of August 4, 1977, asking whether the following procedure known as break open bingo constitutes a game of bingo as authorized by the Constitution of South Carolina: The contestant purchases a bingo card, after which he opens it and immediately determines whether he has won since the bingo cards are all preprinted with certain numbers already covered.

The game of bingo is not defined by constitutional provision or by statute. The Supreme Court of South Carolina has issued an opinion on the matter which is attached hereto and which, in my opinion, shows that the game described above is not bingo.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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