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State of South Carolina

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Dear Colonel Altman:

You have requested that we advise you as to whether or not, in our opinion, automatically operated pinball machines are exempted from the provisions of Section 52-15-30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws which renders it 'unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen to play a pinball machine.'

In our opinion, they are not so exempted. Irrespective of whether the pinball machine is an automated one or is, like the machine described in [State v. Langley](#), 236 S. C. 583, 115 S.E.2d 308 (1960), one that is activated by a spring plunger, a minor under the age of eighteen years of age cannot lawfully play it.

Best wishes,

C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

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