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Dear Mr. McCulloch:

It has been drawn to our attention that in the previous opinion of this Office of the meaning of Section 24-3-930 that the provision of Section 24-1-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 was overlooked. In light of the provisions of Section 24-1-10 our previous opinion of September 11, 1979, insofar as it pertains to exemption from jury duty of employees of the Department of Corrections is hereby revised.

Section 24-3-930 provides that '[a]ll guards, keepers, employees and other officers employed at the Penitentiary' are exempt from service on juries. Section 24-1-10 provides:

Wherever in the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, reference is made to the State Penitentiary or Penitentiary, it shall mean the Department of Corrections or an institution of the Department of Corrections . . .

Accordingly, it is the opinion of this Office that all employees of the Department of Corrections are exempt from service on juries by virtue of the above-cited provisions of the Code.

I hope this has been of some assistance to you. Very truly yours,

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