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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina December 21, 1979

*1 Mr. F. H. Chastain Secretary Pickens Soil and Water Conservation District Post Office Box 245 Pickens, South Carolina 29671

Dear Mr. Chastain:

On December 11, 1979, you wrote this Office in regard to a form sent to your district from the State Workmens Compensation Fund. In connection with that form, you attached an Opinion of this Office, dated July 17, 1979, to Mr. John W. Parris in regard to the eligibility of Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners to receive workmens compensation benefits.

Following receipt of your letter, we reconsidered the question concerning Commissioner compensation. In that regard, we have issued a revised Opinion to Mr. Parris, which I am enclosing for your information. As you can see from the Opinion, § 42-7-60, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), provides that officers of subdivisions of the State may receive workmens compensation coverage through the State Fund despite the prohibition in regard to such coverage contained in § 42-1-130 of the Code. Therefore, insurance coverage is available through the State Fund which would not be available through another carrier.

I hope this letter and the enclosed Opinion provide you with the necessary information. If not, I would be more than happy to discuss this matter further with you at some time.

Very truly yours,

Keith M. Babcock Assistant Attorney General

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