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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 4168

October 30, 1975

*1 Representative William J. McLeod

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Dear Representative McLeod:

You have requested an opinion from this office as to what responsibilities, if any, under Sections 25–181 et seq., CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1962, as amended, are owed by the Dillon City-County Building Commission to a renter-occupant of a Dillon County-owned building scheduled to be demolished in order to construct a Dillon City-County building.

I enclose herewith a copy of an earlier opinion from this office which, while not dispositive of your question, construes the language of Sections 25–131 et seq., of the Code. In addition, it is my opinion that, under the circumstances as you have related them, there are no responsibilities imposed by those statutes upon the Commission vis a vis the renter-occupant. The thrust of Public Law 91–646 is directed to property owners and dwellers as opposed to commercial renters and, to my knowledge, relocation payments and other assistance by the state or political subdivisions thereof to commercial renters have not been made a prerequisite to federal aid to South Carolina for programs or projects involving the acquisition of real property for public uses. This latter conclusion appears to be supported by the position of the federal authorities who, according to your letter, do not feel that there are any responsibilities imposed upon the Commission in this case.

With kind regards,

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