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Office of the Attorney General

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\*1 Mr. William E. Renouf Vice President Pacific Finance Loans 3781 Northeast Expressway Suite 138 Atlanta, Georgia 30340

## Dear Mr. Renouf:

You have asked for an interpretation of the meaning of the phrase 'other lending agencies' found in Section 8-233, 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

A 1970-71 opinion of this office states that lenders registered pursuant to Section 8-800.19 of the Consumer-Finance Act are lending agencies within the purview of Section 8-233. It would logically follow that a licenses lender under the Consumer Finance Act would also qualify as an 'other lending agency.' See also Smith v. Balmen 197 S.C. 357, 15 S.E.2d 635

## Section 8-233 states in part:

Banks, banking inatitutions and other lending agencies doing business in this State may make loans and advances of credit to persons in amounts of not less than ten dollars, payable in installments, for the financing of purchases and for other desirable purposes, . . . (emphasis added)

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