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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

March 26, 1973

***1 In Re: H.1449, 1973**

Honorable John C. West
Governor of South Carolina
State House
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Governor West:

You have requested the opinion of this Office as to the validity of H.1449, which provides for special furloughs for prisoners serving on the public works of Newberry County.

Article 3, Section 34 (IX), South Carolina Constitution, prohibits the enactment of a special law where a general law can be made applicable, except acts relating to subjects specified in Subsections I-VIII of Section 34. Service of sentences imposed upon prisoners does not come within the purview of exempting Subsections I-VIII.

It appearing that there is no reason why a general law on the subject covered by H.1449 could not be made applicable, it is the opinion of this Office that H.1449 is constitutionally prohibited special legislation.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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