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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina July 30, 1973

*1 Re: Act Relating to Hospital Pund for Needy

Mr. D. Kenneth Baker Messrs. Baker & Etheridge Attorneys at Law Post Office Box 77 Darlington, South Carolina 29532

Dear Kenny:

Thank you for your letter of July 9, 1973, requesting my opinion as to the constitutionality of an enclosed bill or act. The bill would authorize the Darlington County Community Action Agency to act as the agency to administer a fund derived from a one mill levy upon all taxable property in Darlington County to provide for hospital and additional drug expenses for needy residents of Darlington County.

Based on the case which is cited below, it is my opinion that a non-profit, non-religious organization may be utilized to carry out a function which the county itself can perform. It appears that the Darington County Community Action Agency is such an agency and, in my opinion, it may be designated to carry out a proper county function of providing for the needy.

With best wishes, Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod Attorney General

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