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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 In re: Pool Rooms**

Mr. Skippy Brown  
Deputy Sheriff  
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180

Dear Mr. Brown:

You have inquired generally with respect to pool rooms that look their doors at 11:00 P.M., as required by law, but are used thereafter as poker or gaming rooms.

Research into the question indicates that there is little substantive law to define 'closing' as used in a pool room regulatory statute when part of the building is used as premises for some other business, such as a lunch bar or other activity. I believe that it is public knowledge that most pool rooms in this State also house other types of business, with the pool room area separated in some manner from the rest of the building.

It is my thought that your best approach to enforcement in circumstances you set forth would be by way of the State's gaming or gambling laws, utilizing Section 17-257 or Section 43-202 to obtain a break-in warrant when the activity is within a municipality.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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