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C. Thad Mullen, Secretary  
Arizona Racing Commission  
707½ West Thomas Road  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your letter of October 30, 1952 wherein you request our opinion of the following:

"Would appreciate an opinion as to whether or not this Commission may, under the laws of this state, grant an occupational license to a minor as a trainer of horses or dogs."

You also bring to our attention the fact that under the Rules and Regulations of the Arizona Racing Commission, the trainer is the sole insurer of the condition of a horse or dog racing in this state.

We find nothing in our Code that would prohibit the Commission from granting a trainer's license to a minor. It is our opinion therefore, that the Arizona Racing Commission may, in its discretion, grant an occupational license to a minor as a trainer of horses and dogs.

It is our further opinion, however, that the commission should exercise great caution in granting trainers' licenses to minors and as heretofore verbally expressed, should refrain from granting any license to minors which might involve contractual obligations.

Trusting this is of some help, we remain

Sincerely yours,

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