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Mr. James L. Stevenson
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Re: I79-281 (R79-249)

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

In your letter of September 5, 1979, you asked for our opinion with respect to the Industrial Commission's authority to hire a collection agency to collect payment of outstanding debts and judgments owed to the Special Fund of the Industrial Commission as the result of awards issued to injured workmen whose employers were not covered by workmen's compensation insurance under A.R.S. § 23-907.C. You specifically asked whether the hiring would be done pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 41-1051 et seq.

Your questions have been previously addressed by us in Ariz. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 76-147. In that opinion we said that state agencies may engage the services of a bona fide licensed collection agency. We also said that the hiring procedure must be conducted pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-730, as collection services do not come within the definition of "outside professional services" in A.R.S. §§ 41-1051 et seq. A copy of that opinion is attached for your reference.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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