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INTERAGENCY

The Honorable Morris Courtright
Arizona State Representative
State Capitol, House Wing
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: I82- 125 (R82-143)

Dear Representative Courtright:

By letter of July 15, 1982, you sought our opinion on the authority of state libraries to dispose of books contained in those libraries by sale, auction, trade and similar methods.

A.R.S. § 41-1335 provides that:

The director of the department of library, archives and public records shall:

. . . .

2. Sell or exchange undesired duplicate copies of books, or books not of value for the purposes of the library, or photographic reproductions of departmental holdings, and remit the proceeds to the state treasurer for credit to the department fund which shall be used for the purchase of other books or materials.

This statute permits the Director of the Department to sell or exchange unwanted state library books. As a matter of practice, we are informed by the Director that the Department generally exchanges those books which it determines are subject to disposal under the statute.

Sincerely,

BOB CORBIN
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