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James M. Kirby, Commissioner
South Carolina Commission for the Blind
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Dear Commissioner Kirby:

This Office received your request for an opinion regarding the employment status of blind licensed vendors in the South Carolina Commission for the Blind program. You say that the program operates under federal law pursuant to the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. § 107 et seq. and under the South Carolina Code of Laws, S.C. Code Ann. § 43-26-10 et seq. According to a footnote in Craft v. S.C. Commission for the Blind, 385 S.C. 560, 563, 685 S.E.2d 625, 626 n.1 (Ct. App. 2009), blind licensed vendors “are self-employed and are not considered employees of the Commission [South Carolina Commission for the Blind].”

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

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