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Dear Mr. Hutter:

In a recent letter to this office you asked for an opinion as to whether contract law enforcement is permitted in this State and for any specific requirements under State law in regard to such.

Enclosed please find a copy of an opinion of this office, a letter from Ms. Henderson to Sheriff Brown dated May 17, 1978, which specifically addresses the matter of contract law enforcement and states that statutory authority exists which ‘. . . enables an incorporated municipality to enter into a contractual arrangement with a county to provide law enforcement services to the municipality.’ This opinion also comments on particular matters to be considered in entering into such a contractual relationship. I am also enclosing a May 8, 1979, opinion from Ms. Henderson to Mr. Hundley which discusses the authority of two municipalities to enter into an agreement to provide ‘joint’ police protection in certain circumstances.

As to the proposed contract itself, I am reserving comment inasmuch as the details of such should more properly be left to the attorneys for the city and the county.

If there are any more specific questions in regard to contract law enforcement, please be in touch with this office.
Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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