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**Sale of Hunting Safety Materials**

**FACTS:**

The Governor's Committee on Hunting Safety has devised an Indian Boy character for use in this year's safety campaign. It would like to give wide distribution of certain safety materials depicting this character but has no available funds. Your department has depicted the character on safety materials normally distributed but cannot finance distribution on the scale desired by the Committee.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. May the Committee charge a price for these items?
2. May the Committee bank funds received and employ them to further its own work?
3. May the Fish and Game Department charge for these items?

**ANSWERS:**

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.

**OPINION:**

Since the Committee was not created by statute, but by Executive authority, it may set a price on the materials it distributes. It may also use the proceeds for other purposes of the Committee.

Public Laws, 1965, Chapter 101, authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game to fix the price, if any, at which such publications as he deems advisable "for the more effective dissemination of factual information, information of public interest or

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Information tending to promote better public relations" shall be sold, excepting publications of the laws in whatever form. This broadly-worded authority would include the materials described in your memo.

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