

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-7-99

February 1, 1999

This communication is offered in response to your letter to me dated January 9, 1999 in which you request official interpretations of the 1994 State Building Code (hereinafter referred to by me as the code) in response to the question which follows:

Question: "Is a provision of the code misconstrued or misinterpreted if a criminal prosecution relating to the code provision depends upon an interpretation but no "official interpretation" of the code provision exists?"

Answer: This question goes beyond the bounds of my authority to interpret provisions of the code in that it seeks a legal opinion regarding the basis of criminal prosecution.