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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Directors & Executive Directors of State Agencies, Departments
& Boards

FROM: L. Daniel Morris, Jr.
Chief Deputy Attorney General 

DATE: March 3, 2009

RE: Raffles

It has been brought to the attention of the Attorney General through a complaint from outside of the office that several specific State agencies and departments are conducting raffles for various charitable and non-charitable causes. Many of these causes are worthy of support and this memo is not intended to discourage supporting their work. Please be aware that under the law in the State of Alabama, all raffles are considered illegal lotteries and are prohibited by Alabama law. Under the law of this State, there is no exception for holding a raffle just because the proceeds go to a charitable organization or another worthy cause. Furthermore, advertising these events on the internet or otherwise could be considered a misdemeanor, "promoting gambling."

Please take the action within your agency, department, or board that you see as appropriate to make sure that the State of Alabama complies with all gambling laws.

LDMjr./jaf