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FOR REPLY BY 7-9-82

TO: Members, Committee on Human Rights  
FROM: Mary Vail, Staff Attorney  
RE: Lawson v. Kolender (pending, U.S. Supreme Court)

Enclosed find newspaper articles and the October 1982 opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, in this case.

Mr. Lawson, is challenging the constitutionality of Section 647(e) of the California Penal Code on the grounds of vagueness, violation of the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution and impairment of the personal right of protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. He has asked the State Bar of California to file an amicus curiae brief in the U.S. Supreme Court. That request is currently being reviewed by the General Counsel's office.

Your Committee has been asked to give an opinion as to whether this case merits State Bar amicus involvement.

Please review the enclosed State Bar of California Amicus Curiae brief guidelines and the materials on this case and contact me in writing or by phone (415/561-8227) by July 9, 1982 with reference to (1) whether the State Bar (assuming filing deadlines permit) should file an amicus curiae brief in Lawson v. Kolender; and (2) what civil and constitutional rights issues should be emphasized in any State Bar Amicus Curiae brief.

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Enc.

cc: Patricia D. Lee, Director, Department of Legal Services  
(with enclosure)

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(without enclosure)



