

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION
ADVISORY OPINION 93-67

November 22, 1993

RE: May state official introduce brother-in-law to agency officials?

This opinion is in response to your October 18, 1993, request for an advisory opinion from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (the "Commission"). This matter was reviewed at the November 22, 1993, meeting of the Commission and the following opinion is issued.

You state the relevant facts as follows. You are a commissioner of a department in state government. Your brother-in-law is a stockbroker with Hilliard-Lyons investment firm and is interested in doing business with the state. You ask if it would be a violation of the Executive Branch Code of Ethics, in KRS Chapter 11A, for you to introduce him to officials of the state responsible for investing state funds.

KRS 11A.020(1)(c) provides:

- (1) No public servant, by himself or through others, shall knowingly:
...
- (c) Use his official position or office to obtain financial gain for himself or any members of the public servant's family;

The Commission believes that you should not introduce your brother-in-law to state officials responsible for investing state funds. These introductions may appear to be using your official position to obtain financial gain for your family.