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The Honorable Isadore E. Lourie
Senator, District No. 21
303 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Lourie:

You have requested an opinion as to whether an individual may carry a pistol in a glove compartment of a motor vehicle.

Section 16-23-20 of the Code states

It shall be unlawful for anyone to carry about the person, whether concealed or not, any pistol, except ...

(9) Any person in any vehicle where the pistol is secured in a closed glove compartment or closed trunk

Therefore, such provision specifically authorizes the placing of a pistol in a closed glove compartment of a vehicle. An opinion of this Office dated January 6, 1978 stated that the term "secured" only requires that the compartment be closed but does not require that the compartment be locked.

If there is anything further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Richardson".
Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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