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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Code § 56-3-870**

W.J. Seaborn
Colonel
Highway Patrol

Sometime ago you requested advice as to whether [Code § 56-3-870](#) conflicted with or was repealed by the new bad check law (§ 34-11-60). As you know, that Code Section provides a procedure whereby the Department, if issued a check which is returned unpaid to the Department, that it may suspend or cancel the registration and license purchased by the check and repossess the registration card and license plates and any other documents, and requires the owner to pay the Department Ten (\$10.00) Dollars to cover the cost of repossession and collection, if the license and registration are suspended or cancelled.

In reviewing the new bad check law, I find nothing in its terms which would repeal directly or impliedly repeal this provision. It should be noted that the bad check law involves criminal penalties, whereas the Code provision of the Department is an administrative action. Since existing statutes are to be read in an effort to harmonize their provisions, it is the opinion of this office that [§ 56-3-870](#) is still in force.

Reviewed & Approved:

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