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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Archie Hardy
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Dear Representative Hardy:

Mr. McLeod has referred to me your recent letter concerning this State's 'blue laws'. In the letter you asked whether the present provisions of [Section 53-1-50, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976](#), which permit the Sunday sale of 'supplies and equipment' and 'cosmetics, toilet articles, or personal health or hygiene supplies and aids' may be construed to permit the Sunday sale of detergents and other household cleaning materials.

As to your question of whether 'supplies and equipment' may be construed to permit the sale of detergents and household cleaning materials, a review of [Section 53-1-50, supra.](#), reveals that the referenced provisions are included in the phrase which permits:

' . . . the sale of drugs, medicines, surgical or medical aids, supplies and equipment, . . . '. (Emphasis added).

Therefore, pursuant to such provision, the 'supplies and equipment' permitted to be sold should be construed as surgical or medical supplies and equipment. In the opinion of this Office, the phrase 'supplies and equipment' should not be construed to permit the sale of detergents and household cleaning materials.

You also asked whether the phrase 'cosmetics, toilet articles, or personal health or hygiene supplies and aids' included in [Section 53-1-50, supra.](#), may be construed to permit the sale of detergents and household cleaning materials. In the opinion of this Office, such referenced provision could not reasonably be construed to permit the sale of the referenced items. Clearly, such items would not be within the category of cosmetics and toilet articles and would not generally be classified as 'personal health or hygiene supplies and aids'.

If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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