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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

November 8, 1977

***1 Re: Mrs. Dowling's desire for justification of the \$500.00 law requirement**

The Honorable Mendel J. Davis
Member of Congress
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mendel:

Thank you for your letter of October 26 concerning the requirements of the massage law of this State.

Unfortunately, the information submitted to you by Mrs. Dowling is correct. The massage law of 1975 regulates the practice in detail and requires payment of an application fee of \$500.00 and annual renewal fees of \$250.00. The law further forbids the treatment of persons of the opposite sex except on order of physician, osteopath or chiropractor. This provision of the law has been upheld by a three-judge court in this State.

The statute was sponsored by representatives from Greenville County and was the result of massage parlor activities of a questionable nature which offended the sensibilities of Members of the General Assembly. It is regrettable that Mrs. Dowling's dilemma is the result of this legislation.

If there is any further information which you may require or which she may require, I will be pleased to assist.

With best wishes,
Cordially,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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