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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Epps:

Your recent letter to the Attorney General regarding authority for a security guard to carry a pistol about his person while in the performance of his duties has been referred to me for reply.

The specific section to which you refer, [§ 16-23-20\(8\)](#), provides that it shall be unlawful for any one to carry about his person, whether concealed or not, any pistol, except, among other things, any person in his home, or upon his real property, or fixed place of business. Please be advised that a previous opinion of this Office concludes that such a provision would not be applicable, in essence, to the security guard situation you relate. However, [§ 16-23-20\(12\)](#) does provide that persons granted pistol permits by the State Law Enforcement Division may carry such weapons about their persons in the circumstances and under the conditions set forth in their particular permit. Section 40-17-120 contains the specific requirements which must be met for the issuance of a pistol permit by the State Law Enforcement Division. A copy of the opinion mentioned above is enclosed for your convenience.

I trust the preceding information will be of assistance to you, however, if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Richard P. Wilson
Assistant Attorney General

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