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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 John F. McLaughlin, Jr., M.D.
Raybestos Manhattan Industrial Products Company
North Charleston, South Carolina 29406

Dear Dr. McLaughlin:

In your letter of May 10, 1979, to the Attorney General, you inquired as to what the law of South Carolina provides with respect to the sale of drugs and other controlled substances by drug wholesalers. [Section 40-43-150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA \(1976\)](#), and Sections 44-53-300 et seq., make it unlawful for a drug wholesaler or distributor to sell certain drugs or other controlled substances to anyone other than licensed, registered physicians or other legally authorized entities. Therefore, the drugs that you order for use in your industrial practice must be sold directly to you in your name and become your property. The law does not require that the actual bill be delivered to you; however, the decision of the Geer Drug Company to bill you directly as outlined in the letter of Mr. C. W. Black addressed to you and dated April 23, 1979, rests in the discretion of the company.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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