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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Wreckers are not required by [Section 56-5-4150, S.C. Code](#) of Laws (1976), as amended, to have the name of the registered owner placed on the side of the vehicle.

Colonel W. J. Seaborn

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Dear Colonel Seaborn:

You have requested an opinion from this Office as to whether wreckers (licensed as special mobile equipment) must have the name of the registered owner marked or stenciled on each side of the vehicle.

[Section 56-5-4150 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), as amended by Act No. 47 of 1977, requires that the name of the registered owner be placed on 'private motor trucks or truck tractors of more than twenty-four thousand pounds gross weight and all for-hire motor trucks or truck tractors.' However, you advise that wreckers are licensed as 'special mobile equipment' and are not considered to be trucks or truck tractors as defined by Sections 56-5-200 and 56-5-210, respectively.

Inasmuch as wreckers are not considered trucks or truck tractors, they would not be covered by the provisions of [Section 56-5-4150](#), as amended. Therefore, it is our opinion that wreckers are not required by [Section 56-5-4150](#), as amended, to have the name of the registered owner placed on the side of the vehicle.

I trust the preceding discussion adequately answers your question, however, if any further explanation is required, please feel free to contact me.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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