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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Al Summerlin
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Shawnee-Mission, Kansas 66205

Dear Mr. Summerlin:

You requested our rules and regulations concerning collection agencies in your letter of March 28, 1978. Currently, the State of South Carolina has promulgated no rules and regulations on collection agencies. However, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act which took effect on March 20, 1978, has been incorporated by reference into the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act which prohibits unfair and deceptive acts and practices in the course of commerce and trade in the State of South Carolina and which gives the Attorney General enforcement powers. It is our position that any conduct in the State of South Carolina which is violative of this federal law is also violative of the Unfair Trade Practices Act so as to come within the enforcement activities of this office.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting Mr. Stephen Hamm, the attorney for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs which administers the Consumer Protection Act to forward you any regulations or rules which his Department may have promulgated and which are of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Harry B. Burchstead, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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