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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 In Re: H-2650—General Appropriations Act 1975-76—Effective Date**

The Honorable O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Mr. Thornton:

You have requested my opinion concerning the effective date of the General Appropriations Act for the year 1975-76 which was submitted to the Governor after its ratification and returned by him to the House of Representatives on June 6, 1975. The Governor vetoed three items in the Appropriations Bill and stated in his Message to the House of Representatives: 'My objections to the Act are limited to the sections cited above.' House Journal No. 85, pages 2804, et seq.

Article IV, Section 21, of the Constitution, provides, with respect to bills appropriating money out of the Treasury, the following:

'If the Governor shall not approve any one or more of the items or sections contained in any bill appropriating money, but shall approve of the residue thereof, it shall become a law as to the residue in like manner as if he had signed it.'

It is my opinion that, in accordance with the foregoing language, the portions of the bill which were not vetoed by the Governor became effective upon receipt by the House of Representatives of his Message, stating that he had no objections to such portions. This occurred on June 6, 1975. This date, in my opinion, is the effective date of the portions of the General Appropriations Act which were approved by the Governor.

In that the Governor's veto of other portions of the bill was sustained, those portions were thereby deleted and the effective date of the entire General Appropriations Act remaining was therefore June 6, 1975.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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