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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Victor M. Babb  
Insurance & Tax Service  
216 South Main Street  
P. O. Box 155  
Fountain Inn, South Carolina 29644

Dear Mr. Babb:

You have inquired as to the propriety of an insurance agent, who is also a notary public, preparing premium service contracts and filling out title transfers for automobiles.

We consulted with Mr. George Wenzell, Assistant Legal Counsel for the South Carolina Insurance Commission, on the question of the premium service contracts. It was our understanding that premiums are executed incidental to the policy itself. There being no statutory prohibition and since the contracts are preprinted and are in the ordinary course of the insurance business, we can see no improper conduct on your part in preparing these documents so long as you did not charge any fee.

Automobile title transfers are generally filled out by laymen or clerks at automobile dealerships. These require a notarized signature. There would seem to be nothing improper in your aiding someone in the preparation of these documents so long as you did not charge any fee for this service.

If we may be of further help to you, please advise us.

Sincerely yours,

A. Camden Lewis  
Assistant Attorney General

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