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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 In re: Private Security Guards; South Carolina Pistol Law.**

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Dear Bill:

You have inquired as to the status of private security guards under provisions of Section 16-129 et seq., 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.

This Office has heretofore expressed the opinion that private security guards are exempted from the pistol law as night-watchmen under provisions of Section 16-129(12) during hours in which the businesses they guard are closed, and while going from one business place to another during those hours. There is nothing in the law to exempt such persons while going from home to duty station and return. Presumably, the answer to that problem would be to transport the gun in a locked satchel, trunk of a car, or closed glove compartment. I know of nothing that would permit private security guards to carry pistols at such times as the businesses they guard are open for business—even on the premises of those businesses.

This Office has no authority to exempt anyone from the operation of a criminal law.

With kindest personal regards,
Sincerely,

Joseph C. Coleman
Deputy Attorney General

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