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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 3656

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***1** A combination of a vehicle known as a ‘Mini-Tow’ and two motor vehicles is unlawful.

TO: Captain

State Highway Patrol

You have requested that we advise you as to whether a combination of vehicles coupled together with a ‘Mini-Tow’ is lawful in South Carolina. Section 46–657.1 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, prohibits a combination of vehicles which, when coupled together, consists of more than two units.

The ‘Mini Tow’ is a vehicle or carriage which has four rear wheels on a single axle, and a single retractable front wheel. The device is triangular in shape; and mounted upon it is an electric wrench with protective belts. When the ‘Mini-Tow’ is attached to a motor vehicle, that motor vehicle is converted into one which can be used for service towing.

In our view, when the ‘Mini-Tow’ is connected to a towing motor vehicle, a combination of two units is brought about; and when a second motor vehicle or other vehicle is connected to the ‘Mini-Tow’ to be towed, a combination of more than two units necessarily results. Such a combination, in our judgment, is proscribed by the aforementioned statute. Only when the ‘Mini-Tow’ is not used in combination with two or more vehicles can it lawfully be joined with a motor vehicle.

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