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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 77-116

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Dear Mr. Ellis:

You have requested an opinion as to the effect of the massage parlor statute, Sections 56–831 et seq., 1962 Code of Laws, on the practice of reflexology, which apparently involves the massaging of the feet and hands of patients. Section 56–832 defines a massagist as any person ‘who applies manual or mechanical massage or similar treatment to the human body trunk or limbs.’ Section 56–846 excepts from the application of the massage law licensed medical practitioners, osteopaths and chiropractors as well as regularly established licensed medical clinics. It does not appear that reflexology fits within any of these exceptions. It is therefore the opinion of this office that a person who wishes to practice reflexology is required to obtain a license as a massagist pursuant to Sections 56–831 et seq.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

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