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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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**\*1 Re: Ramifications of the Legal Age in South Carolina**

Mr. John Tucci  
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Dear Mr. Tucci:

This letter is in response to correspondence from you dated February 27, 1976. Enclosed are several items relating to the impact of legal majority in South Carolina and the necessity of consent.

You specifically mentioned the impact of the legal age of majority on drinking, abortion, marriage and divorce. The article by Walter J. Kruger discusses several of these privileges/rights in light of the recent Constitutional Amendment in South Carolina which deemed eighteen-year-old individuals to be, generally, sui juris. See pages 2 and 8 of that article. Your attention is also directed to Section 32-565, relating to the consent of minors for health services, and to Section 32-681, relating to abortions. See Section 32-683 of the 1962 Code with respect to the need for consent in abortions.

If this Office may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Brookshire  
Law Clerk

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