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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Mr. Robert Murcoto  
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Dear Sir:

Your letter of recent date to the Attorney General requesting information regarding recent legislation establishing new procedure for the disposal and/or destruction of certain birth records has been forwarded to me for reply.

Act No. 291 of 1973, 58 STAT. AT LARGE, p. 350, subsequently codified as sections 1-501 through 1-594 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962, as amended, deals with the disposition of all public records.

For the purpose of your inquiry, Act No. 291 of 1973 essentially states that when requested, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History will work with a public agency to establish a schedule for the retention and destruction of the records of that agency. At the present time no such schedule has been established for the disposal and/or destruction of birth records kept by Medical Records Department of hospitals and City Clerk's Offices.

Any further questions should be directed to Mr. Julian Mimms, Assistant Director of Local Records, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1430 Senate Street, Post Office Box 11669, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

If this office or I may be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

C. H. Jones, Jr.  
Law Clerk

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