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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 3510

April 10, 1973

**\*1 Re: Suspension of Driver's License**

Honorable R. L. Richardson  
Mayor of Simpsonville  
126 S. Main Street  
Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681

Dear Mayor Richardson:

You have requested that this Office advise you as to whether an individual who has had his South Carolina Driver's License suspended, may continue to drive in this State if he possesses a valid Driver's License of the State of North Carolina. The individual in question has had his South Carolina License suspended as a result of the accumulation of traffic violations.

It is clear that in this State, the suspension of one's Driver's License is a forfeiture of the privilege to drive due to the failure of the licensee to observe certain conditions under which the license was issued. [Parker v. S.C.H.D.](#) 224 S.C. 263, 78 S.E. 2d 382. Thus the privilege of driving in this State being suspended, it cannot be reinstated by obtaining a driver's license from another state.

The only method of reinstating the privilege of driving in this State once that privilege has been suspended, is to comply with this State's laws and procedures concerning reinstatement.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Office that the individual which you questioned may not drive in South Carolina on his North Carolina Driver's License and if he is apprehended while driving in this State while his privilege to drive is so suspended he is subject to being charged with driving under suspension.

I trust that this has been sufficient in answer to the question which you posed. If we may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

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