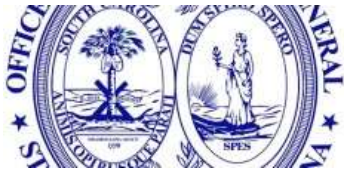


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ATTORNEY GENERAL ALAN WILSON ANNOUNCES THE CREATION OF THE MONEY SERVICES DIVISION



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this state.

Starting today, [Monday, May 14,] the Money Services Division will begin accepting applications for licenses to conduct money transmission and currency exchange services in South Carolina. Applications will be required to be made using the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System.

"The licensing and review process will protect the interests of South Carolinians by assessing the soundness of the overall financial condition of money services businesses and ensuring that the businesses have procedures in place to properly monitor transactions to deter money laundering or financial crimes from occurring," Attorney General Wilson said.

The law also provides new tools for prosecutors and law enforcement to combat financial crimes, and the finances of illegal criminal organizations, by creating a general crime of money laundering applicable to all unlawful activity, as well as granting the State Grand Jury jurisdiction to investigate violations.

The South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act was signed by Governor Nikki Haley on June 9, 2016. The act provides that it will take effect upon the publication of final regulations in the State Register. The regulations are to be published in the State Register on May 25, 2018, at which time the law will go into effect.

The Nationwide Multistate Licensing System is a secure web-based system that allows companies to apply for, update and renew their licenses in one or more states conveniently and safely online. Consumers will also be able to use the system to determine if a money service business they are considering using is licensed in South Carolina.

For more information on the requirements for licensing, visit the Attorney General's Office website, or contact the Money Services Division at (803)734-1221.

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South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today State Grand Jury criminal gang-related indictments of eight people in Richland, Lexington, and Newberry Counties on murder, attempted murder, burglary, conspiracy and other offenses. The indictments allege that the defendants committed these crimes as members of a criminal gang. "These indictments describe a gang that allegedly carried out acts of violence throughout the Midlands," Attorney General Wilson said. "The State Grand Jury, the Attorney General's Office, and state and local law enforcement will continue to work together to make our communities safer." The indictments were handed...

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