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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	18VAC85-170
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counseling
Action title	Compliance with legislation on grandfathering date
Final agency action date	6/22/17
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Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Chapter 422 of the 2017 Acts of the Assembly specified:

The Board shall waive the requirements of a master's degree and American Board of Genetic Counseling or American Board of Medical Genetics certification for license applicants who (i) apply for licensure before July 1, 2016 December 31, 2018, or within 90 days of the effective date of the regulations promulgated by the Board pursuant to subsection A, whichever is later;

Accordingly, section 60 of 18VAC85-170 is amended to conform the "grandfathering" date to the language in the legislation, which becomes effective July 1, 2017.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

On June 22, 2017, the Board of Medicine amended 18VAC85-170-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counseling, to be filed with the Register of Regulations on or after July 1, 2017.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family.