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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D. Executive Director Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Richmond. VA 23233

**RE:** 18VAC150-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine

Dear Dr. Carter:

You have asked whether the proposed changes to the above-cited regulations are exempt from the operation of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act.

The proposed amendments to conform regulation to changes in the Code for restricted volunteer licenses are exempt in accordance with § 2.2-4006 A 4, which provides an exemption for regulations: "Necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved."

Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate this exempt regulation with the Registrar of Regulations.

Sincerely,

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