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Virginia Regulatory Town Hall By Electronic Mail

Re: Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups (Use of Restraints on Pregnant Inmates)

6 VAC 15-40

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the proposed regulations pertaining to the use of restraints on pregnant inmates and approve them as within the authority of the Board of Corrections to promulgate. Further, I find that these guidelines do not conflict with either state or federal law.

Very truly yours,

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