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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Jay W. DeBoer  
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**From:** Joshua E. Laws  
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**Date:** September 30, 2016

**Subject:** Letter of Assurance for Proposed Regulations – Amend Public Participation Guidelines to Comply with Chapter 795 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly found at 18 VAC 145-11-50

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I have reviewed the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation’s proposed regulations to amend the public participation guidelines to comply with Chapter 795 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly found at 18 VAC 145-11-50 that was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on September 23, 2016. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Titles 2.2 and 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.