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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: August 5, 2013

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the: Practice of Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic; Practice of Respiratory Care Practitioners; Practice of Physician Assistants; Licensure of Occupational Therapists; Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited; Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists; Licensure of Athletic Trainers; and Practice of Licensed Midwives*
18VAC85-20; 18VAC85-40; 18VAC85-50; 18VAC85-80; 18VAC85-101; 18VAC85-110; 18VAC85-120; 18VAC85-130

I have reviewed the amendments to the Regulations Governing the: Practice of Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic; Practice of Respiratory Care Practitioners; Practice of Physician Assistants; Licensure of Occupational Therapists; Licensure of Radiologic Technologists and Radiologic Technologists-Limited; Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists; Licensure of Athletic Trainers; and Practice of Licensed Midwives, 18VAC85-20, 18VAC85-40, 18VAC85-50, 18VAC85-80, 18VAC85-101, 18VAC85-110, 18VAC85-120, and 18VAC85-130, which have been submitted as exempt actions. The proposed amendments, which provide a one time fee reduction in biennial licensure renewal for all licenses governed by the Board of Medicine for the renewal years of 2014 and 2015, are exempt in accordance with Va. Code § 2.2-4006(A)(6). The Board has the statutory authority to amend these Regulations under Va. Code § 54.1-2400(5). The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.