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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Col. W. S. Flaherty, Superintendent  
Virginia State Police

**FROM:** Nicole Sydnor  
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**DATE:** June 27, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Rules and Regulations  
(19 VAC 30-70-1, *et seq.*)

In response to a request from the Department of State Police, I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the regulations set forth in 19 VAC 30-70-1, *et seq.*, relating to motor vehicle safety inspection rules and regulations. Upon review, I find the proposed amendments to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by § 46.2-1165 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions. As expressed in an earlier memorandum, these changes to the regulations are made pursuant to a customary police function of the Department and are exempted from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act, pursuant to § 2.2-4002(B)(6).

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