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DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION (DPOR)**

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Performed by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget (DPB):**

Concur with the approval. However, we would like to address the statement regarding the efficiency of DPOR's business practices.

DPOR serves to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by establishing and administering regulatory programs for certain professions or occupations which are deemed by the General Assembly as needing to be regulated. Such programs are designed to ensure minimum competency of practitioners who elect to enter these professions by verifying applicants' compliance with specified entry standards (education, experience, and examination).

DPOR is mindful of the need to keep costs to a minimum while still maintaining its charge of allowing minimally competent individuals and companies to begin working in their chosen fields as quickly as possible and resolving complaints against licensees in a timely manner. DPOR's staff continuously strives to improve its processes to find more efficient methods of conducting its work. In addition, staff works with its regulatory boards to develop regulations and policies that minimize burdens on its regulants, including minimizing costs associated with licensure, certification, and registration.