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Leslie L. Knackel
Executive Director
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**RE: 18VAC150-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary
Medicine**

Dear Ms. Knackel:

You have asked whether the proposed change to the above-cited regulations is exempt from the operation of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act.

The proposed amendment, to conform language in 18VAC150-20-140 to provisions of § 54.1-3812.1, is exempt in accordance with § 2.2-4006 A 4, which provides an exemption for regulatory changes: "*Necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.*"

Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate this exempt regulation with the Registrar of Regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Gregory", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric A. Gregory
Assistant Attorney General

c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator
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