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MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Rogers
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From: Steven P. Jack
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Subject: Statement of Authority for Proposed Amendments to Pesticide Applicator Certification Regulations, 2 VAC 5-685 et seq.

I have reviewed the Board for Agriculture and Consumer Services' (hereinafter, "Board") proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Pesticide Applicator Certification, 2 VAC 5-685-10 *et seq.*, to remove the requirement for concurrent certification in some categories. In my view, as counsel to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Board has the authority to propose such amendments pursuant to §§ 3.2-109 and 3.2 – 3906 of the *Code of Virginia*, and the proposed amendments 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 amendments.