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Lisa Russell Hahn, Executive Director Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Richmond, VA 23233

RE: Regulations of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

Dear Ms. Hahn:

I have reviewed the amendments to regulations, 18VAC65-20-10 et seq., as adopted by the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers at its meeting on April 12, 2011. The amendments to requirements for cremation are constitutional and in conformity with statutory provisions.

I find that § 2.2-4006 (A)(4) is applicable because the amendments are necessary for conformity to § 54.1-2818.1 as amended by the 2010 General Assembly and § 54.1-2811.1 as amended by the 2011 General Assembly. Therefore, the regulatory action is exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act.

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

Sincerely,

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c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator Department of Health Professions