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MEMORANDUM

TO: Arne Owens
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FROM: M. Brent Saunders
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DATE: August 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Registration of
Surgical Assistants
18VAC85-160-51

I have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Registration of Surgical Assistants, 18VAC85-160-51, as adopted by the Board of Medicine on June 22, 2023. The Board has the authority to adopt this amendment as an exempt regulatory action under Virginia Code § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a) pursuant to the amendment made to Virginia Code § 54.1-2956.12 during the 2023 General Assembly Session. The proposed amendment is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.