

## **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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**SUBJECT:** Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling

18VAC115-20

I have reviewed the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling*, 18VAC115-20, as adopted by the Board of Counseling on May 5, 2023. The Board has the statutory authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400 and 2023 Acts of the General Assembly Chs. 684 and 685. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.