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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)</b>	18VAC85-50-10 et seq.
<b>Regulation title(s)</b>	Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants
<b>Action title</b>	Endorsement for service member spouses
<b>Final agency action date</b>	August 2, 2019
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	August 2, 2019

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### Brief Summary

*Please provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Pursuant to § 2.2- 4006(A)(4)(a) of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Medicine adopted amendments to regulations for physician assistants to conform licensure requirements to statutory provisions that include licensure by endorsement for spouses of active duty members of the armed forces if they have current certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants and hold a license in another state.

### Mandate and Impetus

*Please identify the mandate for this regulatory change, and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, board decision, etc.). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

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The Board is acting in accordance with legislation passed in the 2019 General Assembly (HB2169) authorizing licensure by endorsement for applicants who meet certain criteria.

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

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On August 2, 2019, the Board of Medicine amended 18VAC85-50-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants