

STATEMENT OF NECESSITY FOR EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY

18 VAC 110-20-10 et seq. Regulations Governing the Practice of Pharmacy

At its meeting on August 18, 1998, the Virginia Board of Pharmacy adopted emergency regulations relating to the closing or acquisition of a pharmacy and to the issuance of a controlled substance registration to entities or practitioners who maintain large amounts of Schedule II through VI drugs. The emergency regulations are necessary to conform rules of the Board to the statutory provisions of Chapters 470 and 490 of the 1998 Acts of the Assembly.

In accordance with the Administrative Process Act, the “emergency situation” which exists is specified in § 9-6.14:4.1 (C)(5)(ii) of the Code of Virginia as one in which the agency is required by statutory law to have a regulations in effect within 280 days from the enactment of the law.

The Board does intend to promulgate these emergency rules as permanent regulations.

The Board intends to make inactive licensure available to its licensees as soon as possible in order to relieve retirees from the burden of taking continuing education courses. Therefore, the Board has adopted this emergency regulation with **effective date of July 1, 1997**, consistent with the effective date of the law.