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Subject: Statement of Legal Authority for proposed amendments to 2 VAC 5-200, Rules and Regulations

Pertaining to the Disposal of Entire Flocks of Dead Poultry

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to 2 VAC 5-200, Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Disposal of Entire Flocks of Dead Poultry. In my view, as counsel to the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Commissioner, the regulations and amendments thereto may be promulgated pursuant to authority granted by § 3.1-726 of the *Code of Virginia*.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits, or public policy implications, of the proposed regulations.