



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Board of Social Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	22 VAC 40-141
Regulation title	Licensing Standards for Independent Foster Homes
Action title	Re-format current regulation to harmonize with data system requirements
Final agency action date	December 14, 2005
Document preparation date	December 14, 2005

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

This action reconfigures the current regulation text by separating certain paragraphs and sentences into more discrete units of information for compliance purposes. The content does not change. The current regulation, effective February 1, 2005, is not configured to provide the discrete elements required by the DOLPHIN system. The Division of Licensing Programs uses a Division of Licensing Programs Help and Information Network (DOLPHIN) to manage information about applicants and regulated providers. It also serves as a management tool for licensing staff.

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.

The State Board of Social Services took final action on 22 VAC 40-141, Licensing Standards for Independent Foster Homes, on December 14, 2005.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no impact on the family, as this exempt action makes exclusively of technical and formatting changes.