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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia State Police
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	19 VAC 30-230
Regulation title	Checks on Firearm Transfers to Dealers
Action title	19 VAC 30-230. Regulations relating to checks on firearm transfers to dealers, maintenance of, confidentiality of and access to records of dealer checks (FINAL)
Final agency action date	October 27, 2014
Document preparation date	October 29, 2014

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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.

Section 18.2-308.2:4 of the Code of Virginia allows any dealer who is receiving by sale,

transfer, or trade a firearm from a person who is not a dealer to obtain a verification

check from the Department of State Police to determine if the firearm has been

reported to a law-enforcement agency as lost or stolen. That section further directs the

Virginia State Police to promulgate these regulations to ensure the identity,

confidentiality, and security of all records and data provided pursuant to that section.

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.

On October 27, 2014, the Virginia State Police adopted final regulations 19 VAC 30-230, to implement the provisions of §18.2-308.2:4.

Family impact

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

The adopted regulations are consistent with controlling Virginia laws and ensure the safety of Virginia families by providing a tool to remove from commerce lost or stolen firearms and by providing a means of returning such firearms to their lawful owners.