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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: November 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Regulations for the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund – 1 VAC 42-30-10 *et seq.*

In response to a request from the Office of the State Inspector General, I have reviewed the proposed regulations, 1 VAC 42-30-10 *et seq.*, relating to the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund. Virginia Code § 2.2-3014(E) requires the Office of the State Inspector General to promulgate regulations for the proper administration of the Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Reward Fund including eligibility requirements and procedures for filing a claim, and requires the Office of the State Inspector General to submit an annual report to the General Assembly summarizing the activities of the Fund. Upon review of the aforesaid regulations, I find the proposed regulation to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3014(E) of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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