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William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine
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RE: 18 VAC 85-20-10 et seq. Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathy, Podiatry and Chiropractic

Dear Dr. Harp:

I have reviewed the Emergency Regulations, as cited above, in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. The amended regulations to increase fees are constitutional and in conformity with existing statutory provisions of Chapter 762 of the 2003 Acts of the Assembly.

The "emergency situation" which exists is specified in § 2.2-4011 of the Code of Virginia as one in which the agency is required by statutory law to have a regulation in effect within 280 days from the enactment of the law. Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate this emergency regulation in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

Sincerely,

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c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator
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