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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: March 5, 2018

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry, and Chiropractic, 18VAC85-20-10 et seq.*

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry, and Chiropractic, 18VAC85-20-10 et seq.* The proposed amendments provide a one-time fee reduction in application and renewal fees for limited licenses and intern/resident licenses. The reduction is applicable in 2018. These proposed amendments are exempt from the operation of the Virginia Administrative Process Act and review by the Executive Branch in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-4006(A)(6), which provides an exemption for regulations that provide a reduction of fees charged to regulants. Va. Code § 2.2-4006(A)(6). The Board of Medicine has the statutory authority to amend these Regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.

