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Exempt Agency Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency Name:	Board of Nursing - Department of Health Professions
VAC Chapter Number:	18 VAC 90-20-10 et seq.
Regulation Title:	Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing
Action Title:	Licensure of Canadian nurses
Date:	05/28/02

Where an agency is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) and file the regulations with the Registrar in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

This agency background document may be used by **agencies exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(A) of the APA**. Note agencies exempted need not file a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action. Exempt agencies must file with the Registrar beginning at the proposed stage.

Summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation; instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The board is amending sections 200 and 210 of its regulations to conform the requirements for licensure of Canadian nurses to changes in the Code of Virginia. The amendments to 18 VAC 90-20-200 and 18 VAC 90-20-210 are made to conform regulations to Chapter 713 of the 2002 Acts of the Assembly, which mandates that nurses who graduated from of a Canadian nursing school where English was the primary language and who passed the Canadian Registered Nurses Examination are eligible for licensure by endorsement. The legislation further provides that eligible applicants from Canada may practice for a maximum of 30 days while awaiting licensure by the board.

The effective date of this regulation will be July 31, 2002.

Statement of Final Agency Action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency: including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.

In accordance with the powers and duties of Board of Nursing, amendments to 18 VAC 90-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing were adopted on May 21, 2002. Although required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, the agency is exempt from provisions of the Administrative Process Act for the implementation of these regulations pursuant to § 2.2-4006.

Family Impact Statement

Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

There is no impact on the family as a result of this regulatory action.