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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Board of Nursing
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	18VAC90-50-10 et seq.
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Governing the Licensure of Massage Therapists
Action title	Changes from certification to licensure
Final agency action date	July 19, 2016
Date this document prepared	July 19, 2016

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Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Board of Nursing has amended 18VAC90-50-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Licensure of Massage Therapists to change cites referencing certification to licensure, eliminate one examination for licensure, and include a requirement for a criminal background check. The amendments conform regulations to changes made to the Code of Virginia by passage of HB562 in the 2016 General Assembly (Chapter 324).

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 July 19, 2016, the Board of Nursing amended 18VAC90-50-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Licensure of Massage Therapists.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent 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.