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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Letter of Assurance for Repeal of Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Horses, 2 VAC 5-160.

I have reviewed the Board for Agriculture and Consumer Services's ("the Board") proposed repeal of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Horses, 2 VAC 5-160. In my view, as counsel to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Board may repeal these regulations pursuant to Title 3.2 of the *Code of Virginia*. Repealing these regulations does not appear, on its face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.