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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Leonard G. Cooke, Director  
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**FROM:** Shannon Y. Dion  
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**DATE:** August 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Regulations Relating to Private Security Services  
(6 VAC 20-171)

In response to a request from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, I have reviewed the proposed regulations, 6 VAC 20-171, relating to private security services. Section 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia gives the Criminal Justice Services Board the authority to promulgate regulations it deems necessary and appropriate to regulate private security services. Upon review of the aforesaid regulations, I find the proposed regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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