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SUBJECT: Motor Carrier Safety Regulations – 19 VAC 30-20-80

In response to a request from the Department of State Police, I have reviewed the regulations set forth in 19 VAC 30-20-80 relating to the authority of qualified Virginia Law Enforcement officers to enforce Federal Motor Carrier Regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Regulation 19 VAC 30-20-80 is being updated to incorporate changes to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations as amended in effect on and after October 1, 2022. This will ensure Virginia law enforcement may enforce the United States Motor Carrier Safety Act found in 49 CFR Part 385 and 49 CFR 395, as amended. These regulations are mandated by §52-8.4 and 49 CFR Part 390.

Upon review of the aforesaid emergency exemption, I find the changes to be consistent with the statutory authority conferred by § 52-8.4 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions. The changes to the regulations are exempted from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to §§ 2.2-4002(B)(6) of the Code of Virginia.

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