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Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) Agency Background Document

Agency name	Commonwealth Transportation Board
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	24VAC30-610-10
Regulation title(s)	List of Differentiated Speed Limits
Action title	Repeal List of Differentiated Speed Limits
Date this document prepared	April 18, 2019

This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual for Publication of Virginia Regulations*.

Brief Summary

Please provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of the subject matter, intent, and goals of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation).

The Commonwealth Transportation Board recommends repeal of this regulation. The regulation is duplicative of the requirements in § 46.2-878.

Acronyms and Definitions

Please define all acronyms or technical definitions used in the Agency Background Document.

There are no acronyms present in 24VAC30-610-10 or in this document. There are no complex technical terms used in this document that require a definition.

Mandate and Impetus

Please identify the mandate for this regulatory change, and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, board decision, etc.). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

A periodic review of the List of Differentiated Speed Limits regulation was conducted in accordance with §§ 2.2-4007.1 and 2.2-4017. As a result of that periodic review, the Commonwealth Transportation Board determined that the regulation was duplicative of the statutory requirements found in § 46.2-878 and was therefore unnecessary.

Legal Basis

Please identify (1) the agency or other promulgating entity, and (2) the state and/or federal legal authority for the regulatory change, including the most relevant citations to the Code of Virginia or Acts of Assembly chapter number(s), if applicable. Your citation must include a specific provision, if any, authorizing the promulgating entity to regulate this specific subject or program, as well as a reference to the agency or promulgating entity's overall regulatory authority.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board is the promulgating entity. Section 46.2-870 and §§46.2-873-46.2-875 of the *Code of Virginia* specify statutory speed limits on various highways. Section 46.2-878 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to increase or decrease the speed limits on the highways under his jurisdiction from those statutorily prescribed limits based on a traffic engineering study. Section 46.2-878 further requires that for those increased or decreased speed limits to be effective, the Commissioner of Highways must post the new speed limit on appropriate signs and is required to maintain a list of all speed limits increased or decreased in accordance with that section in the Central Office of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Purpose

Please describe the specific reasons why the agency has determined that this regulation is essential to protect the health, safety, or welfare of citizens. In addition, please explain any potential issues that may need to be addressed as the regulation is developed.

This regulation is not essential to protect the health, safety, or welfare of citizens and is being repealed.

Substance

Please briefly identify and explain the new substantive provisions that are being considered, the substantive changes to existing sections that are being considered, or both.

This regulatory action will repeal the existing regulation, 24VAC30-610-10, as it is duplicative of the requirement that the Commissioner of Highways maintain a list of differentiated speed limits on file found in §46.2-878, therefore there are no substantive provisions proposed to be considered for this regulation.

Alternatives

Please describe any viable alternatives to the regulatory change that were considered, and the rationale used by the agency to select the least burdensome or intrusive alternative that meets the essential purpose of the regulatory change. Also, include discussion of less intrusive or less costly alternatives for small businesses, as defined in § 2.2-4007.1 of the Code of Virginia, of achieving the purpose of the regulatory change.

Section 46.2-878 requires the Commissioner of Highways to maintain a list of differentiated speed limits on file. Because 24 VAC 30-610-10 is duplicative of that statutory requirement, the regulation is proposed to be repealed. No other alternatives are being considered.

Periodic Review and Small Business Impact Review Announcement

If you wish to use this regulatory action to conduct, and this NOIRA to announce, a periodic review (pursuant to § 2.2-4017 of the Code of Virginia and Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018)), and a small business impact review (§ 2.2-4007.1 of the Code of Virginia) of this regulation, keep the following text. Modify as necessary for your agency. Otherwise, delete the paragraph below and insert "This NOIRA is not being used to announce a periodic review or a small business impact review."

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Public Participation

Please indicate how the public should contact the agency to submit comments on this regulation, including ideas to assist the agency in the development of the regulation and the costs and benefits of the alternatives stated in this notice or other alternatives.

Also, indicate whether a public hearing is to be held to receive comments. Please include one of the following choices: 1) a panel will be appointed and the agency's contact if you're interested in serving on the panel is _____; 2) a panel will not be used; or 3) public comment is invited as to whether to use a panel to assist in the development of this regulation.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is seeking comments on this regulation, including but not limited to: ideas to be considered in the development of this regulation, the costs and benefits of the alternatives stated in this background document or other alternatives, and the potential impacts of the regulation. Also, the agency/board is also seeking information on impacts on small

businesses as defined in § 2.2-4007.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. Information may include: 1) projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs; 2) the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and 3) the description of less intrusive or costly alternatives for achieving the purpose of the regulation.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments for the public comment file may do so through the Public Comment Forums feature of the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall web site at <https://www.townhall.virginia.gov>. Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter. Comments may also be submitted by mail, email or fax to Steven Jack, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219, or to steven.jack@vdot.virginia.gov. In order to be considered, comments must be received by 11:59 pm on the last day of the public comment period.

A public hearing will not be held following the publication of the proposed stage of this regulatory action.