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MEMORANDUM

To: Travis Hill
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From: James M. Flaherty
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Date: December 27, 2018

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Periodic Review of Regulations – Regulations Public Participation Guidelines [3 VAC 5-11]

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia and Executive Order 17 (2014), a periodic review of a regulation every four years shall include an examination by the Office of the Attorney General to ensure statutory authority. In that regard, I have reviewed the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority's Regulations referenced above. In my view, as counsel to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Title 4.1 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any 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.