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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

This regulation was originally adopted to meet Code of Virginia requirements to have approved laboratories conduct analysis of blood for alcohol or drugs in Driving Under the Influence cases.

Amendments to the Code of Virginia set forth in 2003 Va. Acts c.933, effective July 1, 2003, removed the requirement for the approval of independent laboratories. Since statutory authority no longer exists, it is necessary to repeal the relevant regulations regarding such approval.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

There is no family impact.