

# Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Agency Background Document Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA)

**Agency Name:** Virginia Department of Social Services  
**VAC Number:** 22 VAC 40-480-10  
**Regulation Title:** Relocation Assistance General Relief Program  
**Action Title:** Pre-NOIRA  
**Date:** December 21, 1998

## **Basis:**

The state's authority to promulgate this regulation is found in the *Code of Virginia* §§ 63.1-25 and 63.1-106. *Code of Virginia* § 63.1-25 mandates the State Board of Social Services to make such rules and regulations as necessary or desirable to carry out the true purpose and intent of the title. *Code of Virginia* § 63.1-106 sets forth certain mandates if a local board has exercised its option to establish a general relief program. (See attached cited legal provisions.)

## **Purpose:**

The regulation provides guidance to local departments of social services which exercise their option to establish a program of general relief. The regulation defines the eligibility requirements for participation, itemizes the items that may be covered by payments, specifies the maximum amount of payments, defines the types of eligible assistance units which may be served at the local agency's discretion. The regulation creates consistency in the program among the localities offering the program.

## **Substance:**

Relocation assistance, the subject of this regulation, is not currently offered by any local department of social services and has not been offered by any local department of social services for the past five years. The regulation no longer serves a useful purpose. The purpose of this action is to repeal this regulation.

## **Alternatives:**

As a part of the periodic regulatory review of this regulation, notice was sent to interested parties and a notice was published in *The Virginia Register*. No public comments were received. Alternatives have not been offered or considered.