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## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency Name:</b>	Board of Physical Therapy, Department of Health Professions
<b>VAC Chapter Number:</b>	18 VAC 112-20-10 et seq.
<b>Regulation Title:</b>	Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy
<b>Action Title:</b>	Conformity to law
<b>Date:</b>	7/16/01

Where an agency or regulation is exempt in part or in whole from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:1 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) (APA), the agency may provide information pertaining to the action to be included on the Regulatory Town Hall. The agency must still comply the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) and file with the Registrar and publish their regulations in a style and format conforming with the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual*. The agency must also comply with Executive Order Fifty-Eight (99) which requires an assessment of the regulation's impact on the institution of the family and family stability.

This agency background document may be used for actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C) at the final stage. Note that agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(C) of the APA do not require filing with the Registrar at the proposed stage.

In addition, agency actions exempt pursuant to § 9-6.14:4.1(B) of the APA are not subject to the requirements of the Virginia Register Act (§ 9-6.18 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*) and therefore are not subject to publication. Please refer to the *Virginia Register Form, Style and Procedure Manual* for more information.

### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or the regulation being repealed. There is no need to state each provision or amendment or restate the purpose and intent of the regulation, instead give a summary of the regulatory action and alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

In conformity with Chapter 858 of the 2001 Acts of the Assembly, which amended Chapter 34.1 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Board of Physical Therapy has adopted final amendments to regulations for the licensure of physical therapists and physical therapy assistants. Requirements for referral and direction by a licensed physician to a physical therapist have been amended, so references to those requirements in regulation have been changed accordingly.

### Statement of Final Agency Action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including the date the action was taken, the name of the agency taking the action, and the title of the regulation.*

On July 13, 2001, the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy adopted amended regulations, 18 VAC 112-20-10 et seq. (*Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy*).

### Additional Information

*Please indicate that the text of the proposed regulation, the reporting forms the agency intends to incorporate or use in administering the proposed regulation, a copy of any documents to be incorporated by reference are attached.*

*Please state that the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has certified that the agency has the statutory authority to promulgate the proposed regulation and that it comports with applicable state and/or federal law. Note that the OAG's certification is not required for Marine Resources Commission regulations.*

*If the exemption claimed falls under § 9-6.14:4.1(C) (4)(c) of the APA please include the federal law or regulations being relied upon for the final agency action.*

18 VAC 112-20-10 is amended to eliminate the definition of “referral and direction” and to amend the definition of a physical therapist to eliminate the phrase “under the direction of a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, or dental surgery.”

18 VAC 112-20-90 is amended to reference § 54.1-3482 in directing the practice of physical therapists and their responsibilities to patients.

The Assistant Attorney General has certified that amendments to 18 VAC 112-20-10 et seq. are “necessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved”. Therefore, § 9-6.14:4. (C) (4) is applicable and the amendments are exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act. See full text of SB 1367 (Chapter 858) in <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?011+ful+CHAP0858>.

### Family Impact Statement

***Please provide an analysis of the regulatory action that assesses the impact on the institution of the family and family stability including the extent to which the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.***

The Board determined that there is no impact on the family or family stability as a result of these amendments to regulations. Likewise there should be no increase or decrease in disposable family income.