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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

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Subject: Statement of Legal Authority for proposed amendments to 2 VAC 5-90, The Control and

Eradication of Pullorum Disease and Fowl Typhoid in Poultry Flocks and Hatcheries and

Products Thereof in Virginia.

I have reviewed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' proposed amendments to 2 VAC 5-90, The Control and Eradication of Pullorum Disease and Fowl Typhoid in Poultry Flocks and Hatcheries and Products Thereof in Virginia. In my view, as counsel to the Commissioner and the Department, the regulations and amendments thereto may be promulgated pursuant to authority granted by §§ 3.1-724, 3.1-726, 3.1-730 and 2.2-4012.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

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, or public policy implications, of the proposed regulations.