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MEMORANDUM

TO: Col. W.S. Flaherty, Superintendent

Department of State Police

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DATE: August 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Regulations Relating to the Issuance of Nonresident Concealed Handgun Carry Permits – 19

VAC 30-190-10 et seq.

In response to a request from the Department of State Police, I have reviewed the proposed regulations, 19 VAC 30-190-10 *et seq.*, relating to the issuance of nonresident concealed handgun carry permits. Virginia Code § 18.2-308(P)(1) requires the Superintendent of the State Police to promulgate regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.), for the implementation of an application process for obtaining such permits. Upon review of the aforesaid regulations, I find the proposed regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by § 18.2-308 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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