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By Electronic Mail Virginia Town Hall

Re: Regulations Relating to Specifications of the Description to be Obtained By Pawnbrokers of Persons Pawning or Pledging Goods – 19VAC30-80

Dear All:

I have reviewed the regulations set forth in 19 VAC 30-80 relating Specifications of the Description to be Obtained By Pawnbrokers of Persons Pawning or Pledging Goods.

Regulation 19 VAC 30-80 is being amended in accordance with EO-19, which directed all executive agencies review their regulations to eliminate unnecessary mandates.

Upon review of the aforesaid regulation, I find the changes to be consistent with the statutory authority conferred by § 54.1-4009 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions. The changes to the regulations are exempted from the Administrative Process Act pursuant to §§ 2.2-4002(B)(6) of the Code of Virginia.

The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect. This approval addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the action.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erik R. Smith Assistant Attorney General