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MEMORANDUM

TO: Col. W.S. Flaherty, Superintendent
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DATE: November 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Regulations Relating to Specifications of the Description to be Obtained By Pawnbrokers of
Persons Pawning or Pledging Goods – 19 VAC 30-80

In response to a request from the Department of State Police, I have reviewed the current regulations set forth in 19 VAC 30-80 relating to descriptions to be obtained by pawnbrokers. I find these regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority conferred by § 52-8.4 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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