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<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

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Commissioner

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Subject: Statement of Legal Authority for proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Licensing

of Pesticide Businesses Operating Under Authority of the Virginia Pesticide Control Act (2 VAC

20-40)

I have reviewed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Licensing of Pesticide Businesses Operating Under Authority of the Virginia Pesticide Control Act (2 VAC 20-40). In my view, as counsel to the Commissioner, the Department, and the Board, the regulations and amendments thereto may be promulgated pursuant to authority granted by §§ 3.1-249.30, 3.1-249.46, 3.1-249.49, and 3.1-249.50 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.